

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - MEMORANDUM

To: SAC (92-145)

Date: 9/27/61

From: SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN

Subject: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -
EXPANDED COVERAGE

Re SAC Letter 61-50(A) and Milet 9/25/61.

Referenced Milet advised the Bureau that cases would be opened on the following individuals as a result of the survey made in response to referenced SAC Letter.

This memorandum is for the purpose of opening these cases, which are as follows:

WILLIAM C. COVELLI (a Racine gambler)

PETER BALISTRIERI (brother of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI)

(associate of FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI,
and presently a

DOMINIC H. FRINZI (Milwaukee attorney for hoodlum element)

(Milwaukee hoodlum presently
with AUGIE MANIACI)

MI 92-145

2 cc: 162-new

(162-new (WILLIAM C. COVELLI)

92-new (PETER BALISTRIERI)

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92-new (DOMINIC H. FRINZI)

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Date 2-14-78

Title and Character of Case
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

Date Property Acquired	Source From Which Property Acquired
various	various
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same
closed section	
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same	

THE ITEMS LISED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE THOSE
WHICH HAVE BECOME TOO BOLUMINOUS FOR THELA ENVELOPE

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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Field File # 162-49-1B3

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- 2-14-78 1B3 1) FOUR PHOTOS EACH OF COBELLI AND JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
2) PHOTOS OF [REDACTED] STEVE DE SALVO.
DAVID SHEFT, [REDACTED]
3) alphabetical list of box holders arlington park
RACE TRACK 1964 season

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(Title) WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA.,(File No.) 162-49

1. 1 photo of DAVID SHEFT. 5/22/62 kr
2. Fisur, vicinity home of Wm. Covelli, Kenosha, Wis. 5/18/63 kr
3. Fisur notes conducted vicinity Kenosha Vending & Greco's Restaurant, Kenosha, Wis. 5/18/63 kr
4. Physical surveillance log - conducted 5/8/63. 5/18/63 kr
5. 1 Marlborough cigarette found at house where Biernat was buried. 6/12/63 GC
6. Signed statement of WM. COVELLI, 6/7/63. 6/12/63 GTC
7. 6 latent fingerprints from Dodge Dart. (Sent to Bu. 6/19/63 dg) 6/19/63 dg
at d m 6/12/63 dg
8. 9 negs. & 2 prints each of latent fingerprints recovered from 1962 Dodge Dart, VIN 4522143887. 7/12/63 kr

9. 2 negs & 2 prints of Wm Covelli taken 6/7/63 at Kenosha 7/29/63 *b6*
10. 2 negs & 3 photos of [REDACTED] of Milwaukee 8/1/63 *b7C*
11. 13 photos & 1 neg of Wm. Covelli (4 negs 6/2/63) 8/2/63 *b6*
12. 1 photo of Geraldine Day 10/25/63 *b7C*
13. Surveillance log - William Covelli 7/6/63 7/9/63 *b6*
Exposition

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Letter from Wm Covelli
Eleanor V. Covelli



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See Let to Bu from Mi 9-9-63.

Date Received 4/9/68

From Racine P.D.

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Racine

(Address of contributor)

By

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()

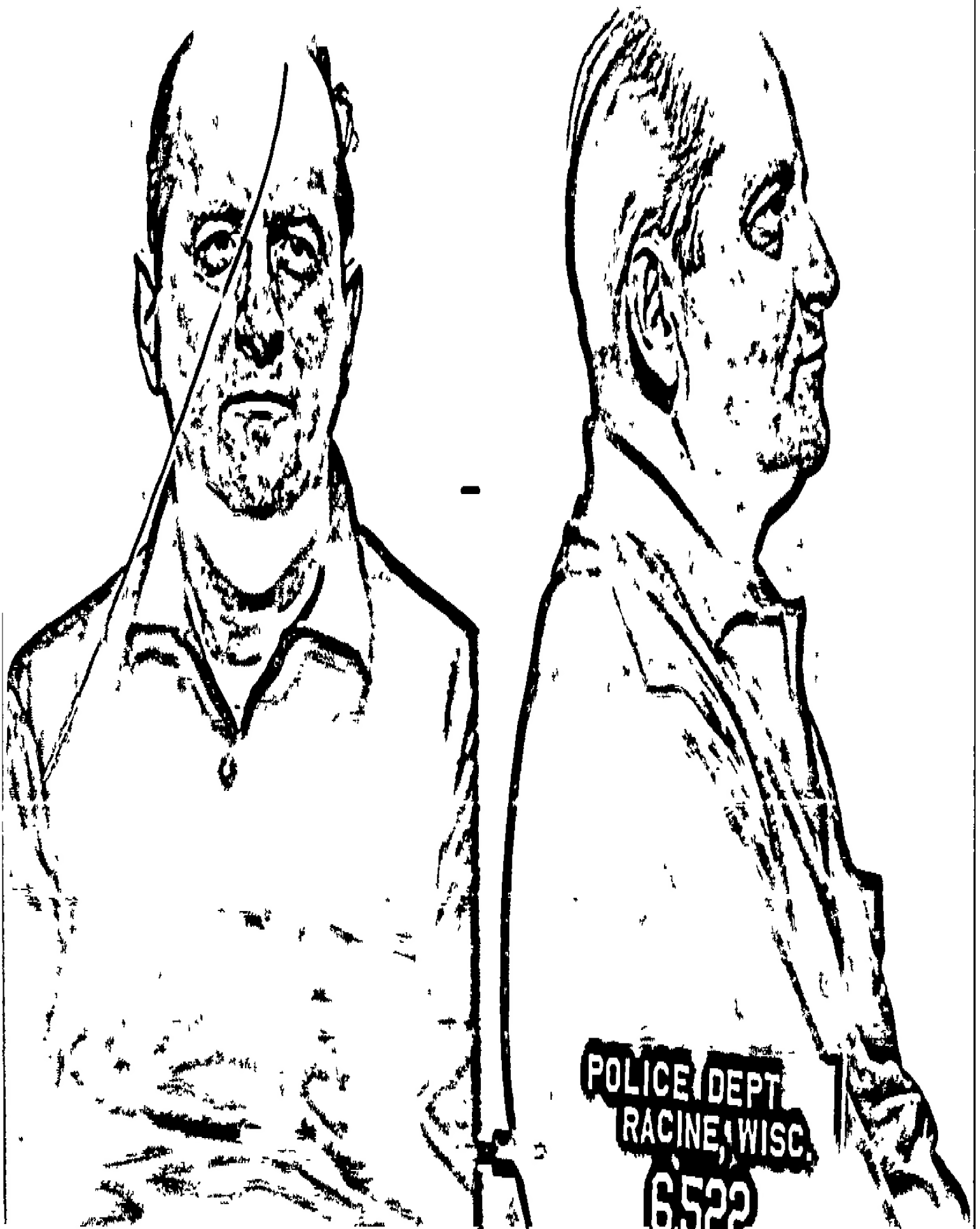
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Description: Photo of David Sheft

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Name DAVID SHEET

Age..... Height ...5-9..... Weight 154.....

EyesBrwn..... Hair Brwn.....

RaceW..... OccupationTavern Keeper

Birth Date...11-1-1916.... City

Residence

..... Date

..... Married - Single

Remarks:

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File No. 162-49-1A(2)
Date Received 4-29-63
From Jusar
(Name of Contributor)

By SA
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Yes ☐

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Description:

Jusar, vicinity home of
William Coville, 7827-36th Ave,
Kenosha, Wis

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Knosha, Wis

4/29/63

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2²⁸PM - Surveillance commenced at
3601-78th St, near intersection of 78th St
and 36th Ave - SA [redacted] - MI# 20

2³⁰¹⁵PM - Two men in grey VW, with Knosha Vending
painted on left & right side, pulled into
driveway at 7827-36th Ave, home of William
Covelli. Both men out of VW & into house.
One man wearing white sport shirt, tan
colored pants, had light hair, other man
had black hair, wearing white, black & grey
sweater & was wearing glasses. Both had
a hand on what appeared to be a white canvas
coin money bag. Both entered Covelli home.

2³³PM - [redacted], on Dodge convert/white top, down,
pulled up in front of Covelli home & young man
with lt. hair, black tight pegged pants, glasses,
black sweater, entered Covelli home.

2³⁹PM - About 3 men out - 2 back to VW & one to
Dodge C/C.

2⁴⁰PM - Woman out of Covelli home - black hair, black
slacks, checkered or flowered blouse & white socks,
dark shoes - talked to driver of VW

2⁴¹PM - VW & Dodge drove away from Covelli home.

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Knosha, Wise

4/29/63

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2⁵⁹PM - City trash man to Covelli home - right out.

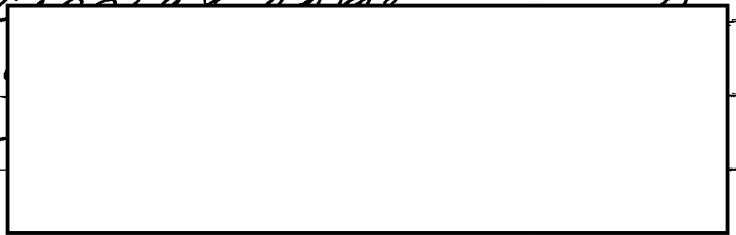
3³⁰PM - Truck, Wise Reg. [redacted] arrives at the
Covelli home - men place ladder to roof &
patching same with black cement

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Note - both of Covelli [redacted] at home

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File No. 162-49-1A(3)

Date Received 5-7-63

From SA

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(Address of Contributor)

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By _____
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned

Yes ☐
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Description:

*Trour notes conducted
vicinity Kenosha Vending
+ Greco's Rest, Kenosha, Wisc.*

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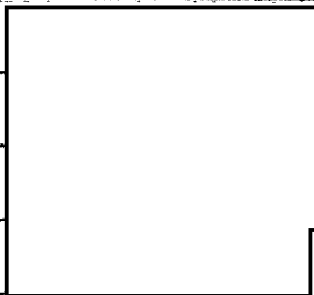
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Tuesday, May 7, 1963
@ Kenosha, Wis

10²⁷ AM - Insur commenced in parking lot
to the rear of Greco's Rest, 56th Ave,
& directly across from Kenosha Vending,
5611-25th Ave, Kenosha.

The following vehicles noted in back of Greco's
Restaurant - Wis. '63's -

E84-821 - "Weiser Covell's Lodge, Ford SW



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10⁴⁵ AM -



leaves - ~~unknown driver & vehicle~~

10⁵⁰ AM -


parked in front of Greco's Rest.

11⁰⁵ AM -


returns with what appeared to be
meat wrapped in brown paper.

(This is  car & he was driving)

11¹⁰ AM -

62 Ford - blue - arrives & parks on 22nd
Ave near Bu car - kept watching same -
Michigan plate 

11¹⁵ AM -

1962 Chev, Ill.  arrives emerged &
across 22nd Ave to Kenosha Vending - doors
locked so he got back in car & drove away.

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At Kenosha, Wis
MT 162-49
May 7, 1963

11³⁷AM - [] returns & driver observed

Bus car.

11³⁵AM - Male, possibly "Weiser Couelli", appeared in back door of Greco's Rest. for instant - did not reappear.

11³⁶AM - [] parks in front of Kenosha Vending & driver (male) around corner toward Greco's Rest.

11⁴⁰AM - [] parks on 22nd Ave. across from Kenosha Vending & driver goes around corner toward Greco's Rest.

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11⁵⁴AM - driver of [] emerges from rear of Gerlmor's Liquor Store, enters vehicle & drove away.

12⁰⁶PM - Male out of Greco's rear entrance & into lt. grey Rambler, then drove away, unable to see license #.

12³⁴PM - 3 males in Rambler up to Greco's back door, one man owns white/tan Chev. parked in front of Weiser Couelli's car.

12³²PM - [] with above 3 males, drove away, one male into white/tan Chev. - apparently beer fishing - had tackle, etc. - made comment about "a nice mess to take home for the family".

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Kenosha, Wisc.
May 7, 1963
MI 162-49

12³⁷P Confidential source arr. surveillance
area - Agent [redacted] conferred

12⁴²P bbs [redacted] on Ford, 2 males station
looking past obs. point & turned towards
Greco's Rest - this car obs. earlier parked
near Greco's Rest on 56th St.

1³³PM - "Weiser Lovell's" car still parked in same
place - no unusual activity noted at
this time - surveillance discontinued

SA [redacted]

SA [redacted]

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Date Received 5/8/63

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

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(Address of Contributor)

By SA
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To Be Returned

Yes ☐

No ☒

Description:

*Physical surveillance
log - conducted 5-8-63.*

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5/8/63

Physical Surveillance of: E 84-821 (C.S. Wis. Lic. - White
Dodge Station Wagon
Dust
May 8, 1963.

at Milwaukee & Kenosha, Wis.:

9:47 AM - Observed car on Hi. Way 38 in area of Howard
Ave travelling north. Proceeded No. on Hi. way
38, & 6th St., East on Clybourn, North on 5th &
East on Michigan & North on 4th St. Then east
on Kilbourn & north on 3rd St. Parked car

10:03 AM - approx 1014 No. 3rd St. Enter Metropolitan Black
Building 1012 N. 3rd St.

10:29 AM - Man leaves building with small reddish haired
woman; obtained papers, books, & tanned folder
from white Dodge
4/ Both returned to building

10:32 AM Man leaves 1012 No. 3rd St., enters car, takes
left on Highland Ave & south on 4th, west on
Kilbourn, So on 5th & picks up 6th St.
at Clybourn Ave. Proceeds So. & picks
up Hi. way 38, & Hi. way 31 in Racine Area
(off Newman Rd.) & East on Hi. way 50, to

11:42 AM 7827 36th Ave. Man described, W. M., 5'7"-5'8",
early 40s, approx 170-180 lbs., black hair, olive complexion.

SA [redacted] - 5/8/63

SA [redacted] 5/8/63

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It is noted that SAs [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] observed the following on the directory of the Metropolitan Block Bldg, 1012 N. 3rd St, Mil, Wisconsin:

Bal-Fran Bonding Co. Room 502

[redacted] " 522

Found cellar of house
where burner body found.

6-7-63

RCF

ALT

Millborough
Vermont

File No.

162-49-1A(5)

Date Received

6-7-63

From

Found at home where

(Name of Contributor)

Burned body was buried

(Address of Contributor)

By

R C Thompson

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned

Yes ☐No ☒

Description:

One Marlborough
cigarette butt

File No. 162-49-1A(6)Date Received 6-7-63From Wm Corvelli
(Name of Contributor)Kenrosha, Wis
(Address of Contributor)By R C Thompson
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned

Yes ☐No ☒

Description:

Signed statement of
Wm Corvelli

Kenosha, Wisconsin
June 7, 1963

I, William Covelli, make the following voluntary statement to Alexander P. Le Grand and Richard C. Thompson, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement, and I make it of my own free will. I am represented by counsel, [redacted] who is present at the making of this statement.

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I reside at 7827 36th Ave., Kenosha, Wis. I was born Oct. 5th, 1919, in Kenosha, Wis.

On the evening of June 6, 1963, I left Greco's Restaurant, 22 Ave. and 56 St., Kenosha, at about 10:30 PM. I drove out Roosevelt Road to the corner of 36th Ave., and made a left turn, toward my home. Just after I turned, I heard a siren and I saw a car that had a red flasher on top pull up beside me. I stopped my car, and the other car stopped beside me, on my left. A man jumped out of the car and opened my car door. I said, "What do you want?" The man said, "Federal Bureau of Investigation", and he pulled me out of the car and said, "This has gone far enough". Then he turned me so I faced the car and put handcuffs on me, behind my back. Then he pushed me into the back seat of the car with the red flasher, taking my glasses off after he did so. Then this man got into the back seat with me. He put a hood over my head. It seemed like a wool sweater, loose at the bottom where it came about to my chin. The car pulled away. Shortly thereafter I asked whether they had taken the keys out of my car, but I got no answer. Then we drove a long time - maybe about 45 minutes. Nothing was said during this drive. It was very dark, and I could see nothing. I think we went over some paved roads and some gravel or dirt roads. I noted only about 3 on-coming cars. Then we stopped and the lights went out on the car I was in. Then someone said, "Get out." I couldn't move well with the handcuffs behind me, so the man who sat next to me helped me out of the car. Then either he or the driver took me by the belt, in the middle of my back, and guided me some yards and then down some steps. The man said, "Step down", and I went down one step. He continued similar instructions, and I kept going down steps - maybe 3 or 4 of them. Then one man said, "Put your head down", and I did, but just grazed my head a little on some over-head obstruction. Then the man guided me forward perhaps ten yards. Then we stood around for awhile. Then I was guided to a sort of guard rail and held over it. Then my hood was raised, and I saw a hole with a little water in it. The hole was about 3 1/2 feet deep, 7 feet long and 5 feet wide. One of the men had a small flashlight which was shined on the hole. One man said, "Do you know who dug that hole, that's where Biernat was buried?" - or words to that effect. I said I didn't know. Then the man who held my belt pushed me down onto the ground. One of the men had tipped up my hood so I could look into the hole, but he put the hood down again before he pushed me down. Then there was a wait. Then one man asked me if I knew who murdered Biernat. I said I didn't know anything about it. Then one man said, "Then we'll have to play a little Russian roulette!" He lifted up my hood and for a second or so, showed me that he was taking the bullets out of the cylinder of his gun. The gun was a short model, and I cannot say what calibre. The gun was dark. Then one man told me to get up. He guided me to the hole again and leaned me over the guard rail. Then one of the men again pulled up my hood and shined the light into the hole and said, "Who killed Biernat?" I said I didn't know, and he repeated the question about three times. Then one of the men pulled the trigger of a gun that was

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 against my head just behind my right ear. Then the man that held my belt pushed me down on the ground again. This process was repeated about four times, and in between these episodes both men talked. They said I was lucky that I ~~hadn't~~ got the bullet and asked whether I knew what my chance was of getting it the next time. They asked if I were sorry for my wife and kids, as I was going to get killed. They said that the Covellis were used to getting killed, as my father was killed. They asked if I were afraid of the mob, to which I answered, "What mob?" One of the men, ^{asked} who my partner was, and I told him it was [redacted]. Then one of the men said, "You are going to give us some names." I asked, "What names?" The man said he would take the handcuffs off and tell me what to write. He said, "You will write the names that we tell you". Then he mentioned the ~~names~~ names of Joe Gtrera and Steve De Salvo. I said I couldn't write any names down, if I couldn't prove it. The men didn't take my cuffs off, although they touched them once, as if they were going to remove the cuffs. One of the men said, "You introduced somebody to Tony Biernat." I said I didn't. He said I was lying, ~~as~~ as Tony had told him so. *J.E.*

One of the men had walked away, but he came back and said, "Let's take him somewhere else." Then the men pulled me up. We stood there about five minutes. Then one of the men reached into my left pocket and pulled out a folder of business cards. He went through them. Later I noticed that there were two ~~spi~~ slips of paper missing from this folder. The man also pulled some currency out of my pocket, but put it back. Then one man said, "Now we are going to frame you. I've got what I want - your handwriting - and he mumbled some other things. Then he pulled some hairs from the back of ~~my~~ my head. Then I was guided out again. Outside we waited for the other man (the one not guiding me). Then the man that held my belt pressed something against my hand, ^{and} I asked what that was, but got no answer. Then I heard a car door slam, the other man came back and said, "O.K." Then we got into the car again. Nothing was said as we drove. I could feel that I was sitting on a blanket. About mid-way during the drive one man said he was going to take my handcuffs off, but I shouldn't try anything funny. I said, "Do you think I'm nuts?" and he took the cuffs off and told me to keep my hands in my lap. We continued the trip and I was dropped off in Kenosha on 60th Street and about 54 or 55 Ave. As I was dropped off, the man sitting with me in the back seat of the car turned me toward the car door, put my glasses in my shirt pocket and pulled my hood off just as he pushed me out the door. The car had stopped, but started up again even before the man in the back seat had closed the car door. I tried to get the license number as the car pulled away, but saw none - only a light in the middle of the rear end of the car where I thought the license should have been. *J.E.*

About 10 or 15 minutes before I was put out of the car, the car stopped and the driver got out and did something at the back of the car.

When I was put out of the car, the man in the back seat threw my keys out the door onto the pavement. He said, "Your car is down a couple blocks."

The car ~~looked~~ looked to me like a 5 or 6 year old Plymouth of some color, not black. The flasher on top was smaller than those on Kenosha police cars. There was no lettering on the car.

The driver of the car was slender and wore glasses. I estimate that he was about 5 feet 11 inches tall. I can't say anything else about the driver. *J.E. AA*

The man who was in the back seat with me was about 6 feet tall and weighed about 195 lbs. I think he was about 45 years old. His complexion was ruddy. I saw him for only for seconds when he got me out of my car and when he released me.

It was about 2 or 2:15 PM AM on June 7, 1963, when I was released. There are still some red marks on my wrists from the handcuffs. It is now 10:15 AM of June 7, 1963.

On going through my folder, I observed that my drivers license is now missing, although I had it last night.

While at the place which was said to be Biernat's grave, I said that I did not think that the F. B. I. treated people like this. One of the men said, "We aren't the F. B. I., we are friends of the F. B. I., and we do this kind of work, because they can't do it."

I volunteer to take a lie-detector test on any of the material covered in the fore-going statement. I give my permission for the dusting of my car for fingerprints.

*I read this statement consisting of
two and one half pages and it is
true*

William Conelli

Witness:

*Richard C. Thompson
Special Agent, F.B.I., Milwaukee Office, June 7, 1963.*

*Alexander P. LeGrand
Special Agent, FBI, Milwaukee, Wis 6/7/63*

File No. 162-49-1A(7)Date Received 6/7/63From 1962 Dodge Dart Sta Wagon,
(Name of Contributor)VIN 4562143887, Ws 63
License E84821 at 227-36th
(Address of Contributor)
Ave, Kenosha, WisBy [Signature]
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned

Yes ☐No ☒

Description:

Latent PP lifts obtained 6/7/63
from 62 Dodge Dart, 1963 Wagon
E84-821

#1 - Right top corner of rear-view mirror

#2 - Top of left front vent door window - outside at top

#3 - Outside - right front door rolling window - top

#4 - Outside - right front door rolling window - top near edge

#5 - Inside - left front door rolling window - top

#6 - Inside - left front door rolling window - outside + left

File No.

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Date Received

6/7/63

From

'62 Dodge Dart, VIN 4522143887

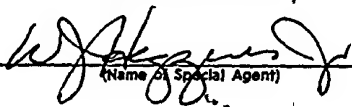
(Name of Contributor)

6000 3827-36th Ave

Kenosha, Wisc.

(Address of Contributor)

By



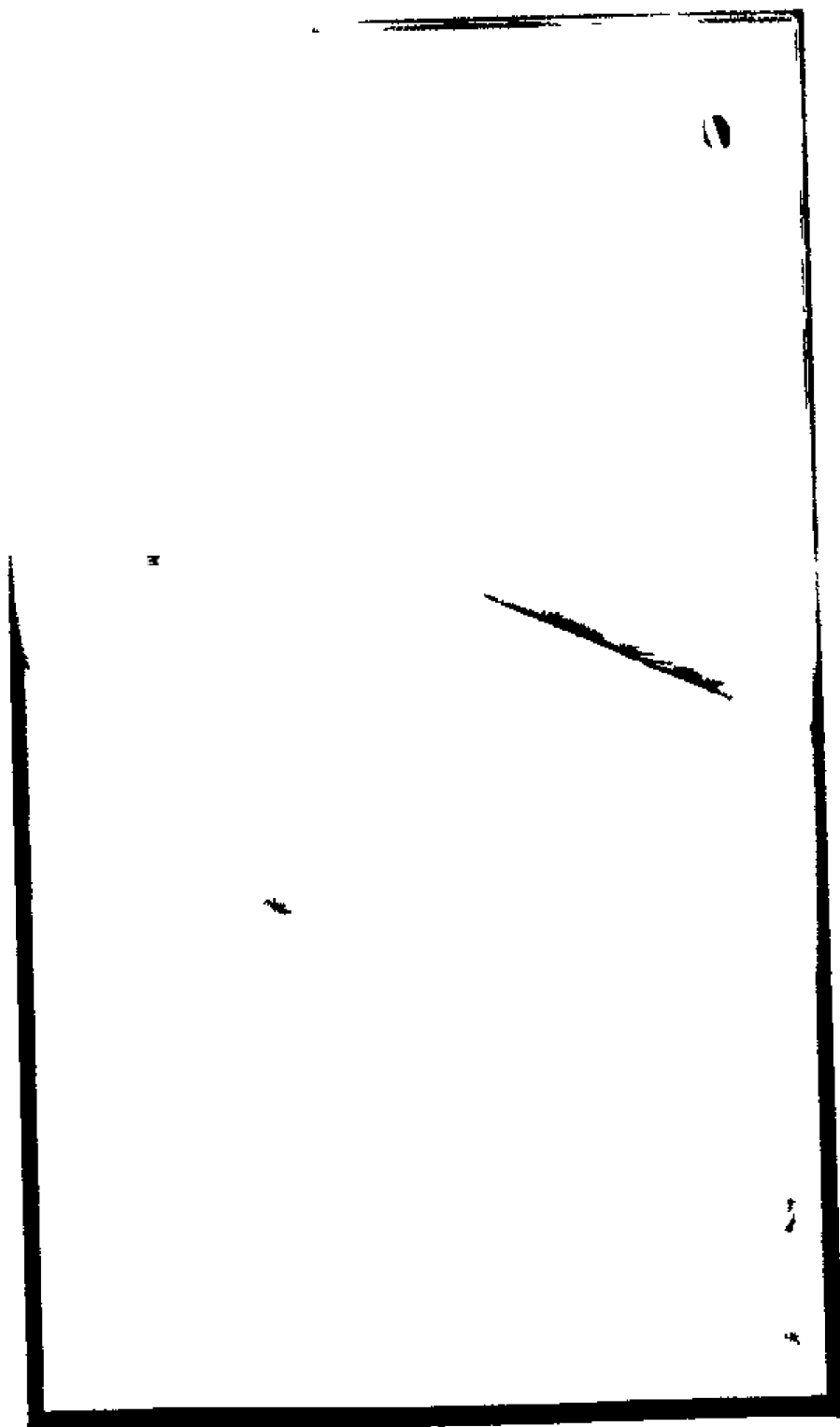
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned

Yes ☐No ☒

Description:

9 negatives + 2 prints each of
latent fingerprints recovered from
door car of portable radio
is many appeared old and overlapped



Reel #10

Outside right front door rolling
window - top near edge
(latent #4)

6/7/63
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Negat #7-

Outside - right front door
rollup window - at top
(Latent #3)

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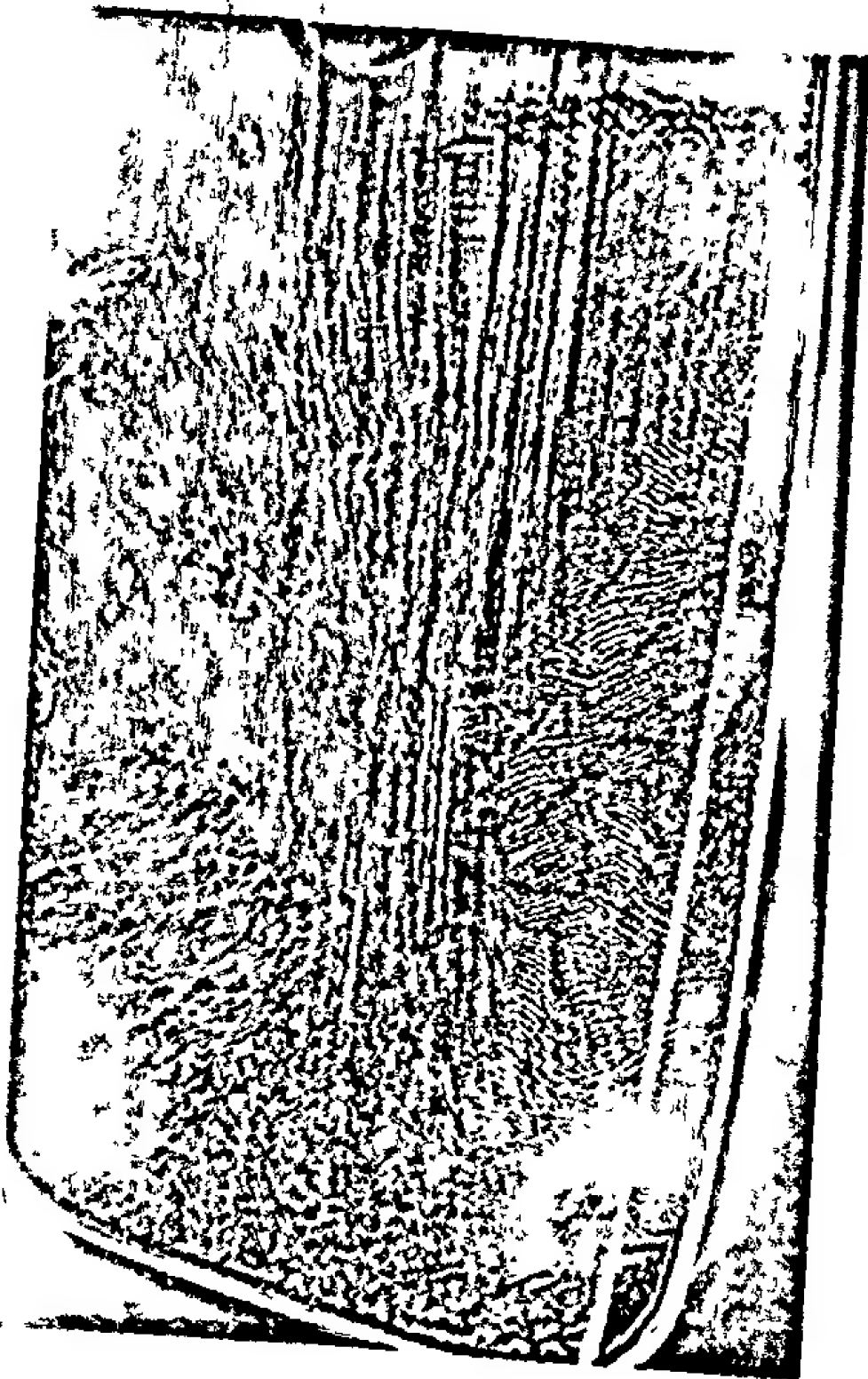


Negatives #5

Top of left front door - vent window
- outside at top (Label #2)

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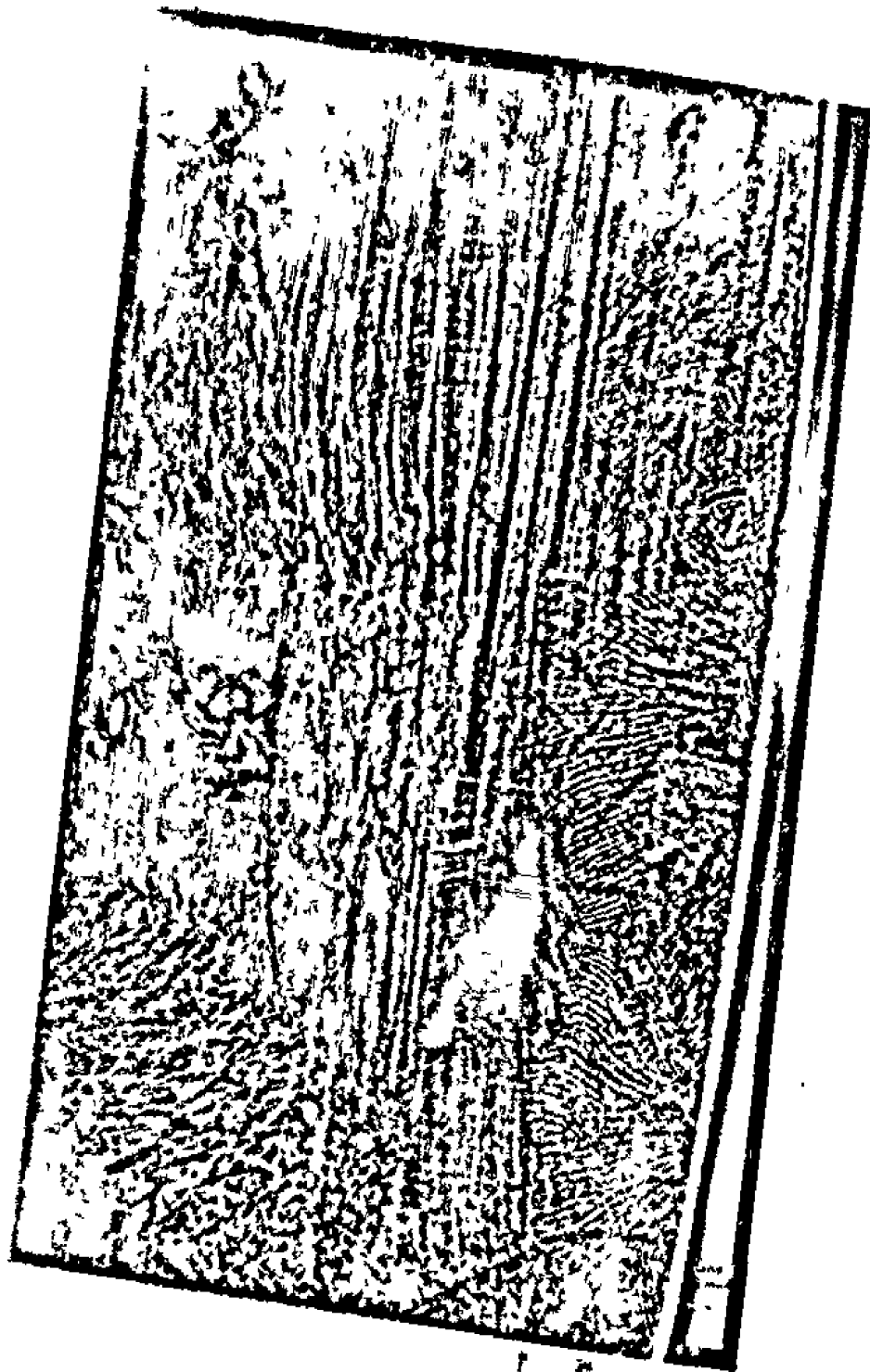
Negative #4

Top rt corner of rear view mirror
- front (Latent #1)

6/26/3
WJH

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Sheet #1
Top at corner of rear view mirror
on front (Sheet #1)

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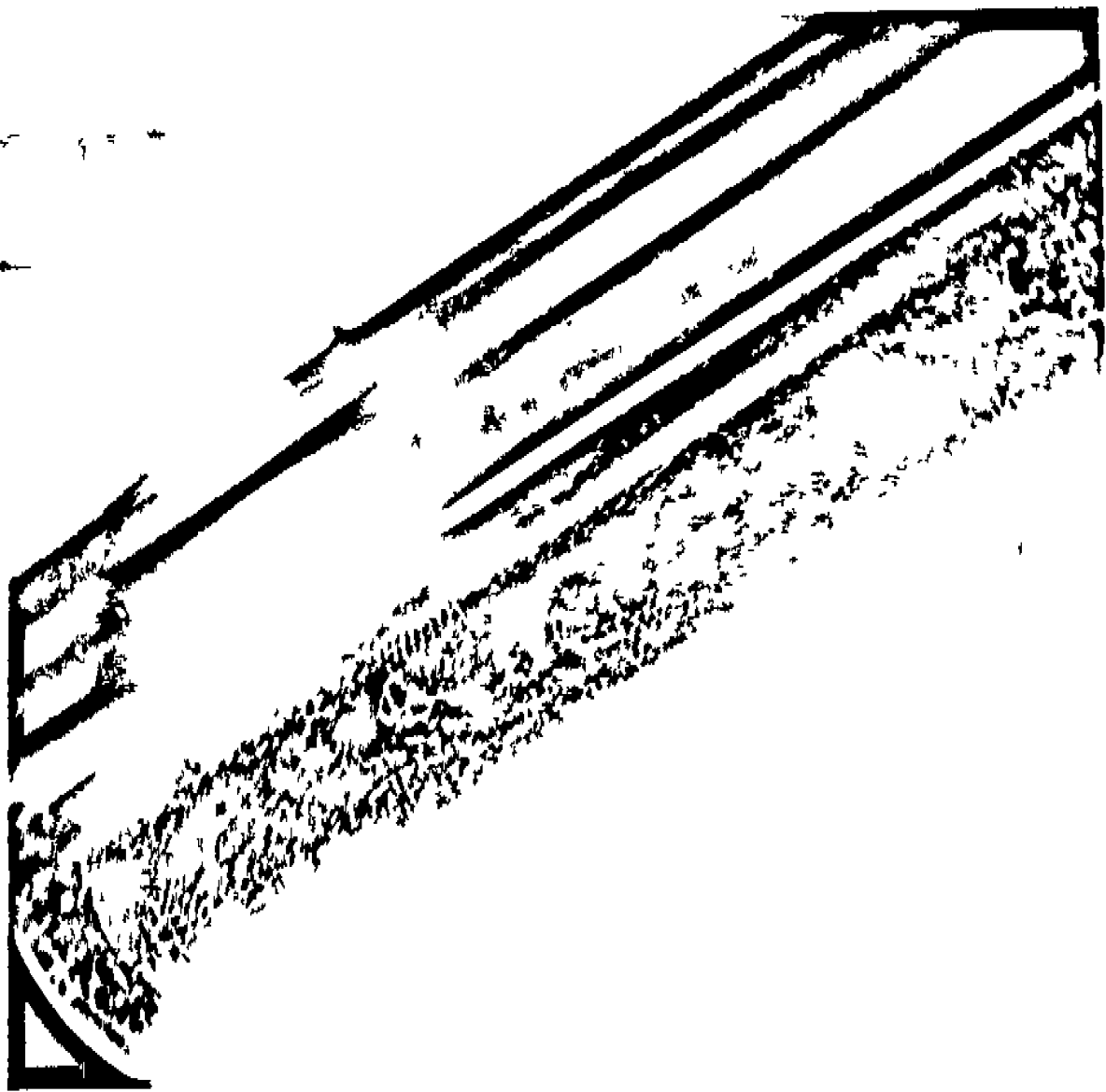


Key #3

Top st. corner of rear view
mirror - front (latent #1)

d/k3
W.H.

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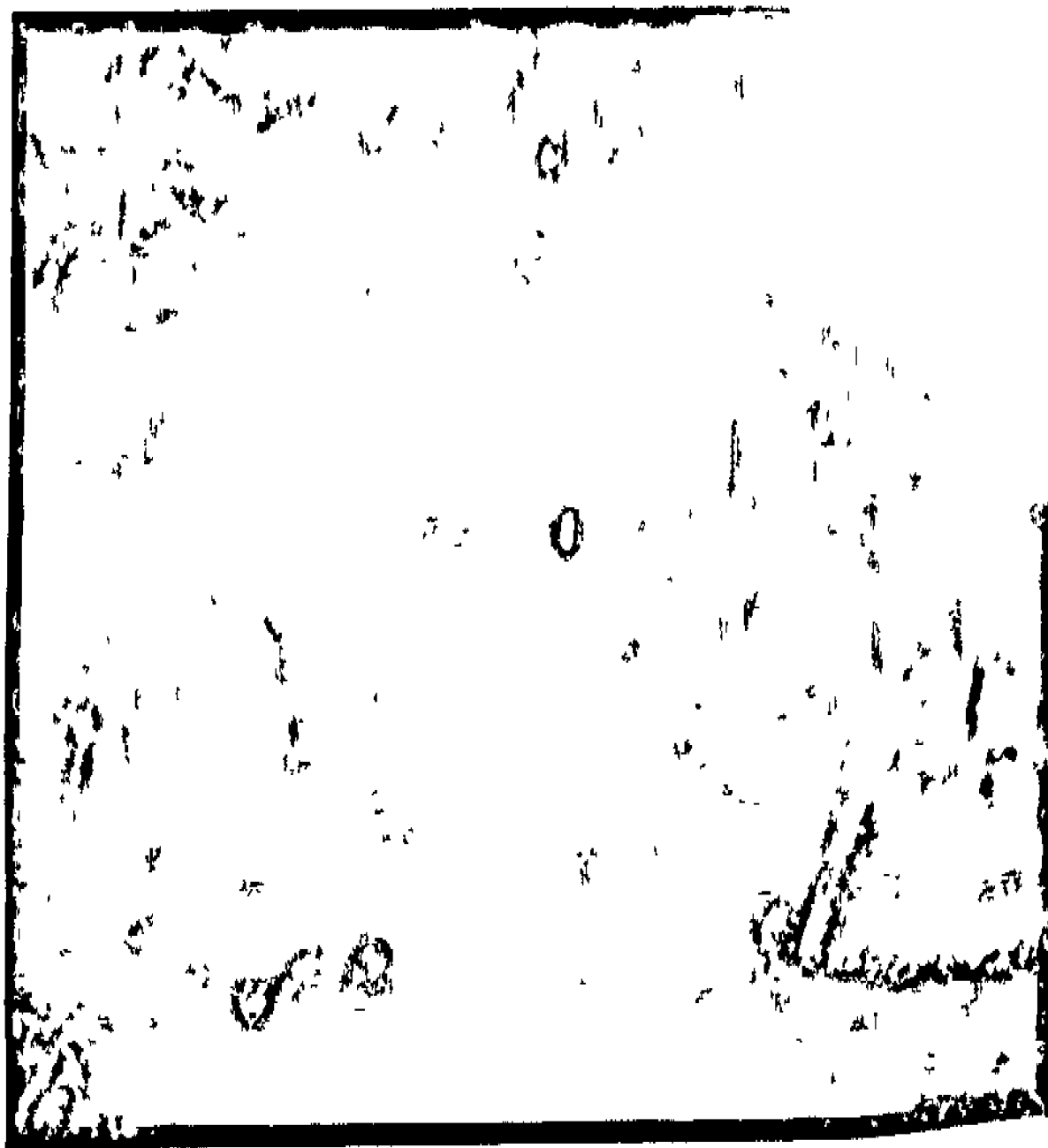
Negat #6

1 yd left front door - vent window -
outside at top (latent #2)

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Regal #8

Outside - right front door
rollup window at top

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WJH

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Regal #9

Outside right front door
rolling window - top near edge
(latent #4)

6/7/63
WJH

162-49-1A (8)

Person Photographed	Date & Place Photo Taken	File #	Photo- grapher's Initials
1. Outside - at front door - #3 / yellow window - at top	Kengler 6/7/63	162 49	WJH
3. Outside - at front door - #4 / yellow window - top near edge			
10.			
11.			
12.			

Person Photographed	Date & Place Photo Taken	File #	Photo- graphers Initials
1. Top of corner of rear view minor - front (patent #1)	George at 7827-36th Ave	162 49	WJH
2. _____	Lenny, Phil 6/7/63		
3. Top of corner of rear view minor - front			
4. " " " " "			
5. Top of left front door vent (patent)			
6. window outside at top (#1)			
7. " " " "			

File No. 162-49-1A(9)

Date Received 8/7/63

From *[Signature]*
(Name of Contributor)

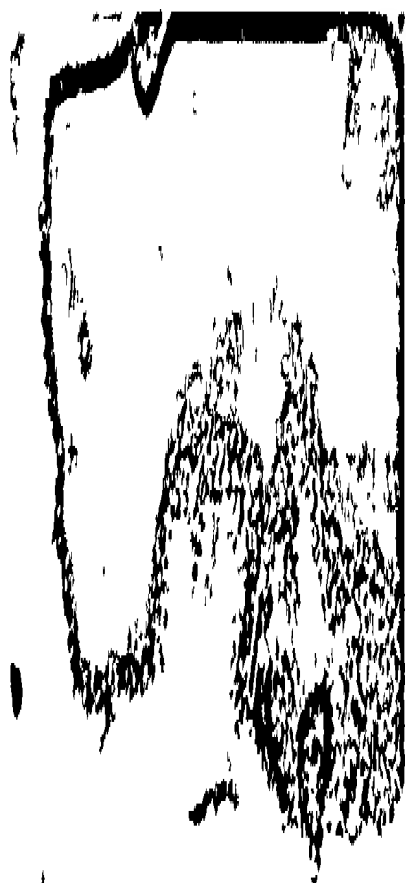
(Address of Contributor)

By *[Signature]*
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ☐
No ☒

Description:

*2 negatives & 2 prints
of Wm Covelli taken
8/7/63 at Fenosha, Wis*



File No. 162-49-1A (10)

Date Received 6/2/62

From _____
(Name of Contributor)

(Address of Contributor)

By [Signature]
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ☐
No ☒

Description:

2 negatives & 3 prints of Melvin

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File No. 162-49-1A(11)Date Received 8-5-63From Milw. Journal b6
b7C
(Name of Contributor)By

To be returned

Yes ☐No ☒

Description:

(1) Negative of photo -

 taken b3
on 7/16/63 when he
appeared at Milw. Wisc.
for Fed. Grand Jury(3) photos made from
negative above

(6) photos made 10-9-63

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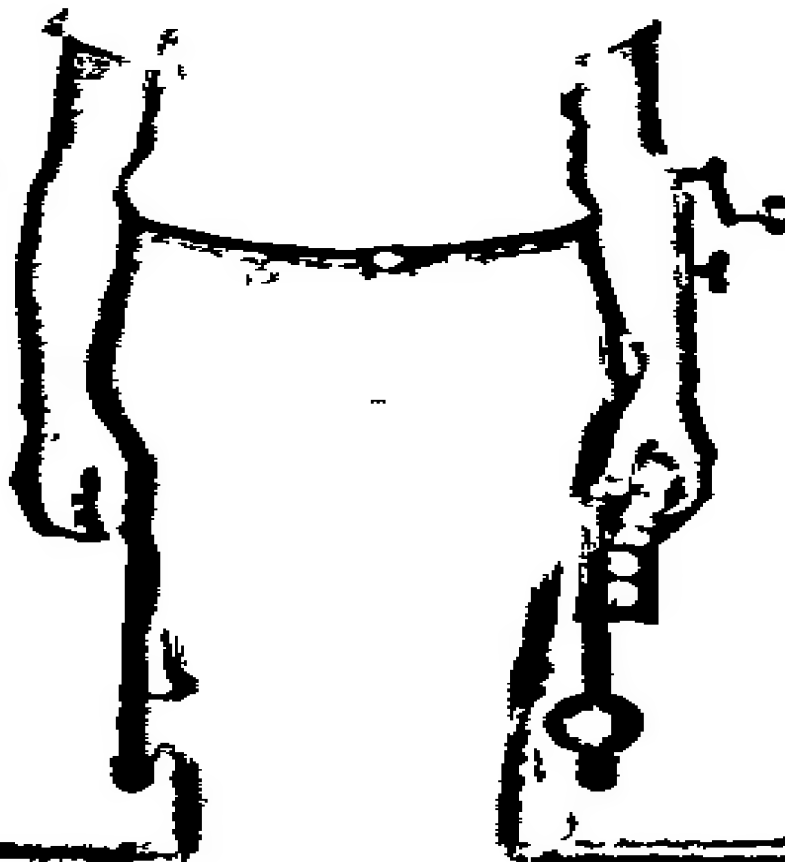
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Description:

Surveillance
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Surveillance of 1962 Dodge Dart Station
Wagon belonging to William Covelli
7827-36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin,
Wis 1965 license F. 25-090

9⁰⁵ Observed car in garage at 7827 -
110² 36th Ave

110² Car backed out of drive way,
proceeded north on 36th Ave to
75th Street, west on 75th Street to
39th Ave, North on 39th Ave to
60th Street, east on 60th to 38th
Ave and 60th St.

11⁰⁸ Made phone call from phone booth
on south west side of 30th Ave
and 60th Street intersection

11¹² Proceeded east on 60th to 24th
Ave, stopped at the Action-Arrow
T.V. Store. 24th & Roosevelt Rd.

11¹⁸ Proceed to Roosevelt Rd turn
N.E. to 22nd Avenue, North
on 22nd Ave to 62nd Street,

11²² Observed traveling south on
22nd Ave at 62nd Street.

This auto was occupied by a lone white male, dark wavy hair, heavy set, about 5'10", 180 to 190#, known to the observer as William Coveelli.



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Special Agent, FBI
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Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

1. 2 plaster casts of tire tracks (from driveway at house where Biernat body found).
2. 1 " " " possible footprint (" " " " " ").
3. 1 film pack (photos taken at house where Biernat body found).

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Title and Character of Case
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2. TWO PIECES OF PAPER LOCATED ON FRONT SEAT OF 1962 DODGE DART STA. WAGON VIN 4522143887 AT RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827-36th AVE. KENOSHA, WISCONSIN. 9/9/63 cs
3. ONE PIECE OF PAPER "HOWARD JOHNSON" RECEIPT ON NAME OF [REDACTED] FOUND ON FRONT SEAT OF 1962 DODGE DART STA. WAGON VIN 4522143887 AT WILLIAM COVELLI'S RESIDENCE. 9/9/63 cs
4. FOUR PAPER ITEMS LOCATED ON FRONT SEAT OF 1963 DODGE DART STA. WAGON, VIN 4522143887 AT RESIDENCE OF WM. COVELLI. 9/9/63 cs
5. MOLAND BROS. MEMO PAPER AND VALLEY POOL TABLE POST CARD FOUND IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF 1963 DODGE DART AT RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM COVELLI 9/9/63 dmg
6. SEEBURG MUSIC LOCATION CONTRACT PAPERS IN BLANK LOCATED IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF 1962 DODGE DART STATION WAGON AT ~~KENOSHA~~ RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM COVELLI 9/9/63 dmg
7. MARFAK SALES AND SERVICE ORDER RECEIPT, 3/19/63 for ~~\$6.40~~ \$7.40 FOUND IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF 1962 DODGE DART STATION WAGON AT RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM COVELLI 9/9/63 dmg

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 12/5/61	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/27-30/61
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka Willie Covelli, Bill Covelli, "Weiser" Covelli, Joe H. Marino, Joe Marines, Joe Marini		REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY sem&jah
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AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

- Will contact informants and logical sources close to the FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI mob in Milwaukee to develop the association with an extent of participation had by Subject WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI with this mob. It being noted COVELLI is alleged holder of 10% interest or "piece" of the craps game run by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO for the BALISTRIERIS at the 56th St. Cigar Store, 2207 56th St., Kenosha, Wis.
- Will at the State of Wis. District Income Tax Office, Milwaukee, review COVELLI's returns for the years 1958, 1959 and 1960 for background and sources of income. *Cor.*

AT KENOSHA & RACINE, WIS.

- Will through informants and logical sources develop the current

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activities and associates of Subject COVELLI; the extent of his gambling connections had with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO at Kenosha, with view to determine whether COVELLI is engaged in interstate transportation of gambling or wagering information or paraphernalia in violation of the laws of the United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The information referred to in details of this report relating to another investigation conducted, pertained to case titled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR", Mifile 92-164, Bufile 92-5012.

A review of the indices of the Milwaukee Office on 11/29/61, revealed the following information relating to Subject COVELLI:

A semi-annual report under the General Investigative Intelligence File of the Milwaukee Office for the period of 11/15/45-4/15/45, under the heading "Individual Racketeers and Mobsters" for the Kenosha area listed among others, the name WILLIAM "RED" COVELLI, operator of Club 42 on Highway 42, Kenosha, Wis., who was born 9/22/1897 at Cozensa, Italy and was naturalized an American citizen. "RED" COVELLI was murdered at the age of 48 years of age on 6/11/45 by persons unknown as he was parked in front of Club 42. A newspaper article as of that date reflecting investigation by the Sheriff's Office, identified "RED" COVELLI as the father of WILLIAM COVELLI and FRED COVELLI and his wife's name as ADELINE COVELLI.

The semi-annual report of the General Investigative Intelligence File of the Milwaukee Office for the period of 7/15/50-1/15/51, revealed that a confidential informant advised that [redacted]

[redacted] JEFF COVELLI and BILL COVELLI were arrested in a raid of a book along with one [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] in the Kenosha area. [redacted] according to informant, [redacted] due

to possible Grand Jury investigation being made. JEFF and BILL COVELLI were identified as the sons of "RED" COVELLI who was murdered about four years ago.

An investigation made in 9/55 relating to alleged Mafia activities at Kenosha, Wis. revealed that FRED COVELLI, aka Jeff, PD Kenosha, Wis. #3435, has been convicted of armed robbery and at that time operates with his brother, WILLIAM COVELLI, a cigarette vending

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machine business in Kenosha. In addition, [redacted] together with WILLIAM and FRED COVELLI were suspected as operating in a team and committing safe burglaries recently in the Kenosha area and to that end, confidential informant [redacted] furnished information involving these three men allegedly in a [redacted] in [redacted] at Kenosha, but the PD Kenosha was unable to prove same.

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In connection with a General Investigative Intelligence Survey prepared 10/2/56, revealed [redacted] advised WILLIAM COVELLI and his brother JEFF, still operate Cookie's Cigar Store at 2211 56th St., Kenosha, Wis., where pool and craps game operate on a small scale, mainly during weekends.

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In case entitled "FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR" Mifile 94-316, the Chicago Office by letter to Milwaukee dated 4/29/60 advised [redacted] on 4/25/60, advised SA O. ARTHUR GRAN regarding poker games held at the [redacted] North Chicago, Ill. on [redacted] nothing additional had been learned. Informant also indicated he was acquainted with FRED COVELLI of 1713 27th St., Kenosha as the latter was then tending bar at Skinny's Tavern, Zion, Ill. and FRED is the brother of WILLIE COVELLI, who formerly operated Kenosha gambling.

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On 1/27/61, [redacted] advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that the only "outside" gambling establishment operated in the city of Kenosha was that operated as the "56th St. cigar store" at 2207 56th St., Kenosha which is nothing more than a room rented from [redacted] who owns the building at that location. A number of Kenosha hoodlums of Italian-American descent loiter there and play cards daily between themselves as a neighborhood hangout, but on two days of the week, as of that time being on Fridays and Sundays, JOHN RIZZO of Racine, Wis., BUSTER BALISTRERE and some others out of Milwaukee, Wis. such as STEVE DI SALVO, operate a "craps game" that attracts a number of businessmen from the Kenosha area with a \$500 pot limit. [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] According to informant JEFF COVELLI is now in a mental institution following his being shot in Lake Co., Ill. a year or more ago and [redacted] of the BALISTRIERIS.

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In a report by SA JAMES E. MC ARDLE, Milwaukee, 3/3/61, entitled, "FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR" MI file 94-316, information was contained therein that [redacted] according to confidential informant [redacted] Kenosha, Wis. on 2/7/61. was [redacted]

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The foregoing information was furnished by [redacted] to SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., and [redacted] added that "the 56th St. Cigar Store" at 2207 56th St., Kenosha is a well known old and long-time hang-out of the so called "west side" Kenosha Italian born and descent hoodlums, most of whom have Prohibition Act violations and gambling arrests as their past history. WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI usually is identified as operating this location under a cover of various aliases of JOE MARINES, JOE H. MARINO, JOE MARINI.

On 3/6/61, [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that [redacted] gambler in Kenosha, following [redacted] gambling craps game in Kenosha about 2/17/61, contacted JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and BILL COVELLI who has an interest in RIZZO's game and accused them of arranging the holdup. Informant added RIZZO closed his game to show [redacted] that his crowd had nothing to do with [redacted] and to also appease the Kenosha PD. Thereafter, according to informant, RIZZO, BILL COVELLI, COVELLI's brother met at [redacted] in Milwaukee about Thursday, [redacted] with BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and FRANK and PETER BALISTRIERI regarding [redacted]

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On 3/31/61, [redacted] a former PCI. of the Milwaukee Office, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] of "WEISER" COVELLI [redacted] described as follows:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	41
Marital status	Married, no children

[redacted] met COVELLI through [redacted] since approximately 1956 and is aware of his gambling activities at Kenosha, Wis. [redacted] is acquainted with JOHN RIZZO of Racine, Wis. and is cognizant of the fact RIZZO operates a gambling establishment on 56th Street in Kenosha located between Gerolmo's Tavern and Greco's Restaurant. [redacted] is personally acquainted with FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee, Wis. and has been at his place of business many times. [redacted] does not know of any organization set up whereby associates are designated as one, two or three as of any setup for division of moneys from operations at gambling, [redacted] understands RIZZO conducts his gambling operations in Kenosha under the auspices of FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee.

On 9/24/61, [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that there are three cliques in Milwaukee of Italian hoodlum element and at that time the three cliques seem to be on the "outs" with each other, possibly over dissatisfaction with the leadership of FRANK BALISTRIERI.

Informant stated one clique consists of [redacted] JOE GAGLIANO, AUGIE MANIACI, [redacted] of Milwaukee and [redacted] of West Bend, Wis.

The second clique is headed by [redacted] but others were not known by the informant.

The third clique is composed of FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO, JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI.

On 1/26/60, [redacted] advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., that the FRANK BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee, Wis. have definitely taken over Kenosha, Wis. insofar as "craps" games are concerned and have squeezed out most of the former "local" craps operators entirely. The BALISTRIERI operation started about one and one-half years ago when a front man, JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, Subject of MIFile 92-164, entitled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR" of Racine, Wis. bought out

[redacted]

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Informant stated [REDACTED]
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entirely held by the BALISTRIERIS with RIZZO acting entirely in that mob's interests.

According to informant, these craps games at the old Greco hangout at the 56th St. Cigar Store, Kenosha are big and frequently have pots of \$5,000 and over, nearly every Friday night and sometime run through on to Sundays.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
12/5/61

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Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character:

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

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Synopsis:

WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th St., Kenosha, Wis., dob 10/5/19, Kenosha, claims employment as partner in the Alpha Realty Co., 2120 63rd St., Kenosha, with one SAM FORGIANNI. Birth records Kenosha Co.. Kenosha reflect only a [redacted] born [redacted] to [redacted] both born Italy. Marriage records reflect WILLIAM COVELLI, born 10/5/19 at Kenosha married to ELEANOR VIRGINIA VENCI, born 6/19/25 at Kenosha on 8/9/46 at Kenosha. Results of credit and criminal checks set forth. Chief of Police STANLEY HAUKE DAHL, PD, Kenosha, on 5/10/61, advised he had contacted Subject WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and one JOHN RIZZO regarding their gambling activities at 2207 56th St., Kenosha in presence of [redacted] owner of the building at that address, in effort to have [redacted] cancel their rental lease at that address which [redacted] refused to do after COVELLI and RIZZO denied their game was anything more than locally owned and operated and denied further that the BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee, Wis. had a "piece" of it. Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS: The basis for this investigation is to ascertain the involvement of WILLIAM (WEISER) COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, as a gambler and associate of the BALISTRERI mob of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who are engaged in gambling and operating of a craps game and horse book at the 56th Street Cigar Store, 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and in which COVELLI is alleged to have a financial interest. The objective is to establish through active investigation COVELLI's involvement, if any, in Interstate Transportation of Wagering Information in violation of the laws of the United States in connection with such gambling activities at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

BACKGROUND

On November 27, 1961, a review was conducted of the Wisconsin Telephone Company Directory for the City of Kenosha, dated June, 1961, in which was contained the following individuals being listed as subscribers:

Mrs. ADELINE COVELLI, 1713 27th Street, OL. 4-2323

[REDACTED]

WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, OL. 2-1390

SAM FORGIANNI, [REDACTED]

Forgianni Realty Company, 2120 63rd Street, OL. 4-5520

No listing was had for the Alpha Realty Company, allegedly of 2120 63rd Street, Kenosha.

A review of the City of Kenosha, Alphabetical and Street Guide Directories for 1961, reflected the following entries contained therein:

ADELINE COVELLI, student, 1713 27th Street

FRED COVELLI, bartender, wife [REDACTED]

WILLIAM COVELLI, Alpha Realty, wife ELEANOR, 7827 36th Avenue

Alpha Realty, 2120 63rd Street, SAN FORGIANNI and WILLIAM COVELLI

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SAM FORGIANNI, Alpha Realty, wife [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

No listing was had for a Forgianni Realty Company in Kenosha in this directory.

A search of the records of the Register of Deeds Office, Kenosha County, Court House Building, Kenosha, on November 30, 1961, revealed a listing in Volume 15, Page 1748 of a male child, second born and living, named [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] to parents, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Kenosha, described as white, age [REDACTED] born in Italy and employed as a laborer, and to [REDACTED] mother, of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Kenosha, described as white, age [REDACTED] born in Italy and employed as a housewife, with one [REDACTED] midwife attending, a resident of [REDACTED] Kenosha, Wisconsin. This was the only recorded birth of a male child by the name of [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED]

A review of the marriage records of Kenosha County in possession of the Register of Deeds Office, on November 30, 1961, revealed in Volume 24, Page 1141 marriage on August 9, 1946 at the Holy Rosay Church by Reverend F. A. BROSSLER, Kenosha, of WILLIAM COVELLI, 1020 62nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, described as born October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, age 26, white male, no previous marriage, and child of WILLIAM COVELLI, father, and ADELIN COSENTINO, mother. The bride identified in this marriage was ELEANOR VIRGINIA VENCI of 2011 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, described as born June 19, 1925, at Kenosha, age 21, single with no previous marriage record, and parents as being ANTHONY VENCI and ANGELINE PRINCIPE. Witnesses to the marriage were EDWARD JOSEPH CONLEY and LOUISE ORRICO, no addresses or relationship indicated.

CREDIT

[REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Kenosha, Kenosha, on November 30, 1961, advised that the files of that office revealed that WILLIAM and ELEANOR COVELLI, by report dated October 10, 1956, resided at 1713 27th Street, Kenosha, and at that time Mr. COVELLI was 36 years of age and employed at the J & W Vending Company, as owner, for five years with income of approximately \$10,000 a year and with a net worth established at approximately \$50,000. ELEANOR COVELLI, as of October, 1956, was employed as an office clerk, handling tabulating machine at Simmons Company for four months. Mr. COVELLI was listed as born October 5, 1919, married and had one dependent and as of October, 1956, was residing with his parents but expected to move to 7827 36th Avenue within a month,

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as he was buying that residence and was dealing with the Kenosha First National Bank in that regard.

[redacted] stated that COVELLI has been in file since 1945 with no adverse information contained therein. File cards reflect the information that Mr. COVELLI was born October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and as of June 18, 1958, was self-employed in a chemical business, earning \$150.00 a week. Wife's maiden name was indicated as being ELEANOR VENCI, who, as of October, 1944, was employed at Nash and then resided at 2011 56th Street, Kenosha. Old information on these cards for Mr. COVELLI showed addresses of 1020 62nd Street; Route 4, Box 133, with no dates given for either. Employments for the past were identified as January 15, 1949, Wonder Pop Corn; October 1, 1948, Quaker Stretcher Company; June 9, 1954, Vending Machines, self-employed. Mrs. COVELLI, in 1958, indicated being at Montgomery Ward Company Store for four years. Mortgage data relating to the property believed at 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, described as Elmwood Manor, Lot Number 3, Kenosha, identified a first mortgage in the amount of \$9,000, dated November 7, 1956, in favor of the Mutual Trust Life Insurance Company and a second mortgage dated November 8, 1956, for \$2,000, in favor of [redacted] and wife.

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[redacted] stated that a search of the records of the Credit Bureau of Kenosha failed to reflect any information whatever relating to the Alpha Realty Company at 2120 63rd Street, Kenosha.

[redacted] advised that file information relating to SAM FORGIANNI and wife, [redacted] of [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, revealed record had on that couple since 1937, listing SAM FORGIANNI as being born April 22, 1915, married and with two children as of June, 1957, at which time Mr. FORGIANNI was employed by the U.S. Navy Civil Service Division at Great Lakes, in Illinois for six years, as an inspector at \$350.00 a month. FORGIANNI was also noted as having owned his home and residing at [redacted] Kenosha for 15 years as of June, 1957. No derogatory information whatever was contained in file either as to character or credit standing. Information in the indices relating to FORGIANNI revealed that he had prior residences of 6638 18th Avenue, Kenosha, as of June, 1938; and as of October, 1943, was at 6802 23rd Avenue, Kenosha. Previous employment was listed as October 28, 1943 at Lakeshore Machine Shop as a drill press operator for 12 months; December 1, 1945 at Frost Company, Kenosha, as a tool maker since June 1, 1945;

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October, 1946 at Conley Beer Depot as a partner with [redacted] since January, 1946; and as of October 10, 1949 at the Midwest Venetian Blind Company, 2517 50th Street, Kenosha as a partner since April, 1949, with [redacted]

[redacted] stated that WILLIAM COVELLI's mother is ADELINE COSENTINO COVELLI. She is a sister of SAM FORGIANNI's mother and they are both also sisters of Mrs. JOHN CONLEY, whose maiden name was JULIA COSENTINO and Mrs. CONLEY currently resides at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, which address is located one block from the 56th Street Cigar Store, located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

CRIMINAL

[redacted] Records and Identification Center, Sheriff's Office, Kenosha County, Court House Building, on November 30, 1961, advised a search of the indices and records of that office failed to reflect any information whatever relating to a WILLIAM COVELLI, born October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Records of the Milwaukee Office, when searched on November 29, 1961, revealed a fingerprint history, furnished by the Identification Division of the FBI, dated November 7, 1941, relating to a WILLIAM COVELLI under FBI Number 459040, which contained the following data:

Police Department of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Number 1367 for WILLIAM COVELLI, dated August 31, 1932, on charge of murder; disposition, turned over to Sheriff's Office, Portage, Wisconsin.

Police Department of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Number 23390 for WILLIAM COVELLI, dated September 1, 1932, on charge of fugitive - murder; disposition, turned over to Sheriff, Portage, Wisconsin, September 1, 1932.

United States Marshall, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Number 1497 for WILLIAM COVELLI, dated October 31, 1941, on charge of violation of Internal Revenue laws; disposition, released on bond.

[redacted] Records Identification Office, Police Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on November 30, 1961, advised a search of the indices and records of that department failed to reflect any information whatever relating to a

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WILLIAM COVELLI, born October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, Wisconsin. [redacted] stated that Police Department record number 1367 was destroyed and while no facts were present to substantiate it, it appeared that FBI Number 459040, in the name of WILLIAM COVELLI under Police Department Number 1367, pertaining to a charge of murder, on or about August 31, 1932, applied to one RED COVELLI, who was the father of WILLIAM COVELLI, and FRED COVELLI, and RED was murdered on June 11, 1945, in gangland style just outside the city of Kenosha on Highway 42.

[redacted] General Indices Section, Police Department of Kenosha, on November 30, 1961, advised a search of the records of that office revealed that WILLIAM COVELLI, age 33, in 1952, with date of birth as being October 5, 1919, at Kenosha, possessed the following arrest history:

April 25, 1947, parked in alley, forfeit \$2 bond

September 23, 1948, parked in prohibited area, forfeit \$2 bond

September 12, 1949, operating car with expired license, forfeit \$10 bond

December 23, 1949, accident

May 20, 1953, accident

January 30, 1955, accident

October 29, 1955, accident

April 4, 1957, speeding, forfeit \$15 bond

December 3, 1957, made complaint of stolen car

December 3, 1957, left keys in car, forfeit \$5 bond

May 4, 1959, left keys in car, forfeit \$5 bond

[redacted] stated that the indices relating to WILLIAM COVELLI revealed that he resided at 7827 36th Avenue; 2207 56th Street; Route 4, Box 133; and 1020 62nd Street, all Kenosha, Wisconsin, no dates indicated for the residences.

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[redacted] stated that a search of the indices relating to ELEANOR VENCI COVELLI, wife of WILLIAM COVELLI, was conducted with negative results for any information in file.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. in connection with another matter at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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A review of the City of Kenosha Telephone Directory for August, 1960, revealed that Olympic 4-5036 was listed to JOHN CONLEY, 3500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, on March 7, 1961.

[redacted] Police Department of Kenosha, on March 7, 1961, advised that a search of the records of that department revealed the following data relating to JOHN CONLEY, 5314 25th Avenue, Kenosha, and formerly of Route 4, Box 174, Kenosha, described as of September 17, 1950, as:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	55
Employed	Operator of Eddie Beer Depot

September 17, 1950, motor vehicle accident

September 1, 1956, reported complaint of malicious destruction of his car

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Kenosha, on May 10, 1961, advised the records of that concern reflect that a JOHN and JULIA CONLEY, 5314 25th Avenue, Kenosha, have been known since prior to October, 1940, with Mr. CONLEY's birth date listed as February 16, 1896. JOHN CONLEY formerly was a partner at the Ruffalo Decorating Company for two years and possessed the following previous residence addresses:

Route 4, Box 378F, in October, 1940

Route 4, Box 641, in August, 1942

Green Pastures Riding Stable, Wood Road, date unknown

Route 4, Box 188, in August, 1952

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2308 52nd Street, Kenosha, date unknown

[redacted] added that as of December 10, 1956, Mr. CONLEY listed a wife and one dependent child, and as of October 8, 1956, listed only his wife, JULIA, as dependent, with employment then noted as a painter. The CONLEYS were not general seekers of credit and, accordingly, little information was had as to their backgrounds. [redacted] stated that in a report made April 20, 1960, to the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee, Mrs. JOHN CONLEY was referred to as a widow and residing at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, being then over 60 years of age. Nothing derogatory was known regarding either JOHN or JULIA CONLEY. JOHN CONLEY, 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, died of a heart attack on March 6, 1959, at age of 63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin. His parents were identified as ANTONIO and MAGGIE CONTI.

[redacted] further stated that JULIA CONLEY is a sister to the mother of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha. "WEISER" COVELLI is a well known gambler in the Kenosha area. [redacted] who, according to the records of the credit bureau, had married one [redacted] on November 16, 1935, at Kenosha, Wisconsin. They were divorced in March, 1956. [redacted] as of November, 1956, worked at [redacted] Kenosha, but has since left Kenosha and is residing somewhere in California.

It is to be noted in regards to the address of Mrs. JULIA CONLEY at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, that this is but one block from the 56th Street Cigar Store location at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, and therefore possibly is being used by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI in making various telephone calls.

A review of the Milwaukee files also reveal that in connection with another investigation conducted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. at Kenosha, the following pertinent information was reflected:

Chief STANLEY HAUKEHAHL, Police Department, City of Kenosha, on May 10, 1961, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that he had contacted [redacted] owner of [redacted] and [redacted] as well as the building in which the "56th Street Cigar Store" at 2207 56th Street,

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Kenosha, is located, on May 4, 1961, and requested [redacted] to consider cancelling his lease with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO for rental of that store space at \$75.00 per month. [redacted] informed HAUKE DAHL that before making any decision, he preferred to wait until he had the opportunity to first hear COVELLI's and RIZZO's side of the story as to the gambling setup run by them at this location.

Chief HAUKE DAHL said he accordingly contacted WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO in [redacted] presence on May 5, 1961, at which time both COVELLI and RIZZO denied emphatically that their gambling game, held at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, was anything more than locally operated and was considered a "peanut" operation with RIZZO having but \$1,000 available to back it up. b6 b7C

RIZZO also denied that anyone else other than WILLIAM COVELLI, had any "cut" in the game and said BUSTER BALESTRERE had been brought down from Milwaukee, Wisconsin a couple of times, solely because he was hard up and they gave him \$15 a night to help out in the operation. According to Chief HAUKE DAHL, RIZZO stated petty gambling has been conducted by him at this location for nearly 14 years and it was never meant to be shared with any outside gamblers and the rumors that FRANK BALISTRERI of Milwaukee, had an interest or "piece" of the game were completely untrue. RIZZO also denied knowing the identity of the man that held him up at his home on April 15, 1961, and also denied that he had informed the Racine Sheriff's Office investigators that he was running a craps game at Kenosha on Friday and Sunday nights.

Chief HAUKE DAHL added that WILLIAM COVELLI backed up RIZZO's telling of the story and as a result of their combined remarks, [redacted] informed Chief HAUKE DAHL that he, [redacted] could not and would not force them out of their rent agreement with him, inasmuch as he was inclined to believe it was entirely a local game being operated.

Chief HAUKE DAHL said he informed both COVELLI and RIZZO that their continued operation in the City of Kenosha was intolerable to him and his department and they could expect the logical consequences of prosecution should they choose to continue their operations in the city.

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The following FBI record, NUMBER

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Kenosha, Wis.	William Covelli #1367	8-31-32	murder	TOT Sheriff at Portage, Wis.
PD, Milwaukee, Wis.	William Covelli #23390	9-1-32	fugitive murder	TOT Sheriff Portage, Wis. 9-1-32.
USM, Milwaukee, Wis.	William Covelli #1497	10-31-41	vio. Int. Rev. laws	on bond
ATU, Chicago, Ill.	William Covelli #5345-N	11-1-41	vio. Int. Rev. Laws	2-24-42 disch

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Identification Division

Date

11/29/61

Re

William Covelli
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Furnish The Known Identification Record of the Following:

Name

William Covelli

FBI No. 459040

Other No. USM, Milw, Wis. # 1497

Aliases

Willie Covelli, Bill Covelli, "WEISER" Covelli, Joe MARINES,
Joe H. MARINO, Joe MARINI

Sex Male	Race White	Birth Date unk.	Birthplace unk.	Residence 7827-36th Ave, Kenosha, Wis		
Height 5'10"	Weight 180	Build med.	Hair dark	Eyes unk.	Complexion tan	Age 41 yrs.

Fingerprint Classification

unk.

Scars, marks and tattoos

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☐ Handwriting Specimens

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **MILWAUKEE** [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/22/61

FROM : SA **JOHN H. GASSAWAY**

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact		12/16/61
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO		92-164 (HIGGINS)
BUSTER BALESTRERE		92-166 (HOLTZMAN)
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI		94-316 (HOLTZMAN)
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA-WS	✓	162-49 (HIGGINS)
IGA-WS-LT		162-1 (THOMPSON)
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input type="checkbox"/> Positive		
<p>Informant stated that WILLIAM COVELLI, whose nickname is "WEISER," of Kenosha [REDACTED] in JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling games in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He said that RIZZO is older, not in too good health and that COVELLI generally pays out the money won and is actually in charge of the operation at RIZZO's when the latter is not there. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] He also advised that COVELLI operates a book on horses and sporting events, and he recalled that in about 1949 COVELLI and his brother, JEFF, operated a still on a farm out in the country, which was located between Racine and Kenosha in the eastern part of the county. He</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.		
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said that RIZZO's poker game now has a \$500 pot limit and the crap game has a \$100 pot limit. In regards to [REDACTED]

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He said that BILL COVELLI is always there when the game is operated at RIZZO's on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, and RIZZO is quite often in there when he is not feeling good. He said that BUSTER BALESTRERE has not been going to the game lately in Kenosha due to the "heat" put on it by Federal authorities and the local Sheriff's Office.

Informant said that when the game is run only one of three men is ever allowed to sit in the "box" at the game, and these men are ROHNNY RIZZO, BILL COVELLI and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He explained that the "box" is a place where one individual sits and supervises the crap games where he can watch both tables going and this individual pays off on winnings and sees to it that the ones who lose to the house pay in the correct amount of money.

Informant also advised that [REDACTED] is a member of the Italian-American outfit in Kenosha and actually controls most of the Italian element there. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE(162-49)
ATTN WM. J. HIGGINS

DATE: 1/10/62

FROM : SA ALBERT G. MAC DONALD

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI

Re302 of ALBERT G. MAC DONALD, 12/19/61.

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— 401-1777 is not a present working line

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Date December 20, 1961

The following [REDACTED]

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On December 8, 1961 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/sem *sem* Date dictated December 14, 1961

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Date December 19, 1961

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[REDACTED] may be obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces
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On 12/7/61 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
by SA ALBERT G. MAC DONALD/ams *AMS* Date dictated 12/13/61

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 1/30/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/7/61 - 1/15/62
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka Willie Covelli, Bill Covelli, "Weiser" Covelli, Joe H. Marino, Joe Marines, Joe Marhi		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY EL
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITY	

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., dated Dec. 5, 1961
at Milwaukee.

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LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois:

1. Will identify subscribers of Chicago telephone numbers [redacted] contacted July 28, 1961; [redacted] contacted 7/28/61; and [redacted] contacted 9/11, 12/61, all from Subject's residence telephone, Olympic 2-1390 located at 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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2. Will ascertain background, reputation of subscribers and attempt to resolve whether connected with criminal activities in that area.

At Waukegan, Illinois:

Will similarly identify subscriber of telephone [redacted] [redacted] contacted 9/15, 10/31, and 11/10/61 from subject's residence phone at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

2. Will also identify subscribers of telephones numbers [redacted] contacted 9/10/61; [redacted] contacted 8/11/61; and [redacted] contacted on 7/21/61 and 8/2/61.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will as requested of the Chicago Division at Chicago, Illinois above, similarly identify following subscribers contacted from Subject COVELLI's residence on dates indicated below:

[redacted]
on 7/28/61 (two)

[redacted]
[redacted] on 9/6, 15/61.

At Racine and Kenosha, Wisconsin:

Will continue to develop the current activities and associates of Subject COVELLI and determine whether COVELLI is engaged in interstate transportation of gambling or wagering information or paraphernalia in violation of the laws of the United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The information regarding [redacted] obtained from [redacted] on 12/7, 8/61 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin was handled by SA (A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD relating to [redacted]

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[REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED]

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It is to be noted also that Milwaukee telephone number [REDACTED] contacted 10/17/61 from Subject's residence is listed to [REDACTED] who is Subject of Milwaukee case entitled [REDACTED] ITWI, "MIfile 165-11."

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Further, Racine, Wisconsin telephone number Melrose 2-8753 contacted on numerous occasions from July 22 through October 17, 1961 from Subject's home telephone, is listed to JOHN C. RIZZO, 1906 Emmertson Road, Racine, who is subject of Milwaukee case entitled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR" Milwaukee file 92-164, BUFILE 92-5012.

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MI T-2 is [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 -USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
Date: January 30, 1952

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: 162-49

Bureau File No.:

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

[REDACTED]

Foreh. MI confidential informant advises COVELLI [REDACTED] in JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling games in Kenosha and generally pays out money won and is in charge in RIZZO's absence. Informant also alleged COVELLI operates a "book" on horses and sporting events and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Gambling at RIZZO's is operated on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, and COVELLI is always there then.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

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On December 16, 1952 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that WILLIAM COVELLI, whose nickname is "WEISER," of Kenosha, Wisconsin, [redacted] in JOHNNY RIZZO's gambling games in Kenosha. He said that RIZZO is older, not in too good health, that COVELLI generally pays out the money won and is in charge of the operation at RIZZO's when the latter is not there. Informant advised that [redacted]

[redacted] Informant also advised that COVELLI operates a "book" on horses and sporting events and recalled that in about 1949 COVELLI and his brother, JEFF, operated a liquor still on a farm located in the county, which was between Racine and Kenosha in the eastern part of the county. Informant said that RIZZO's poker game now has a \$500 pot limit and that the craps game now has a \$100 pot limit.

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In regard to [redacted]
[redacted]

MI T-2 added that [redacted]
[redacted]

MI T-2 stated that BILL COVELLI is always there when the game is operated at RIZZO's on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons and that EUSTER BALESTIERE has not been going to the game lately in Kenosha due to the "heat" put on it by Federal authorities and the local Sheriff's Office.

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MI T-2 also said that when the game is run, only one of three men are ever allowed to sit in the "box" at the game, and these are JOHNNY RIZZO, BILL COVELLI, and BUSTER BALESTRERE. Informant explained that the "box" is a place where one individual sits and supervises the craps game and from where he can watch both tables going and this individual then pays off on winnings and sees to it that the ones who lose to the house pay in the correct amount of money.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN:

The Racine, Wisconsin telephone directory reviewed on January 10, 1962 revealed the following telephone numbers as being listed therein as follows:

MElrose 3-9611 - listed to STANLEY WOJESKO
1741 North Franklin Street, Racine

MElrose 2-4477 - listed to DAUMBLATT and
GOODMAN, Attorneys, 429 Main Street,
Racine

MElrose 2-8753 - listed to JOHN C. RIZZO
1905 Emmertson Road, Racine

MElrose 2-5109 - listed to the Elks Club,
601 Lake Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin

[redacted] - listed to [redacted]
[redacted] Attorney at Law, residing at
[redacted] Racine, which
number is his residence phone and also
has his law offices at 429 Main Street,
Racine, Wis., office telephone number
MElrose 2-4477

[redacted] - listed to A. SHEPT,
[redacted] Racine

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CREDIT AND BACKGROUND

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Racine on January 15, 1962 advised that the records of that office revealed that a STANLEY WOJSZKO, age 62 in 1956 resided at [redacted] Racine and was married to [redacted] and has been employed by the J. I. Case Company Racine, since January 16, 1939 with possibly a short term employment at Modine Manufacturing Company at Racine as of December 7, 1953. Nothing of a derogatory nature relating to character or background was contained in the credit bureau file as to either STANLEY or [redacted] WOJSZKO.

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[redacted] also stated that the credit files of that concern revealed that A. SHEFT of [redacted] Racine, related to an ABRAHAM SHEFT, age 73 in 1958 who is also known as ABE SEFT, who died May 2, 1958 leaving wife [redacted] as widow. SHEFT owned the Highlander Tavern for eight years as of April, 1954 and also operated the SEFT Coal Company for twenty years and is reported to have had four sons. Nothing of a derogatory nature was contained in the file relating to SHEFT as to either character or credit.

Review of the 1961 city of Racine directory in the alphabetical listings revealed that [redacted] married to [redacted] resided at [redacted] Racine, and was a machinist at the Walker Manufacturing Company; in addition there was a DAVID SHEFT residing at 2413 Erie Street, Racine and identified as operator of the Odds and Ends Club, Racine; and a [redacted] married to [redacted] and residing at [redacted] Racine, being employed as a timekeeper by the Young Radiator Company, Racine. The only other SHEFT contained in the alphabetical listing was that of [redacted] widow of ABRAHAM, residing at [redacted] Racine.

A review of the alphabetical listings in the 1961 Racine city directory under the spelling of [redacted] revealed the following listings:

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[redacted] Clerk, United Fuel and Supply Company, residing [redacted] Racine.

[redacted] employed by the L. Seft Coal Company, residing [redacted] Racine.

The Seft, L. Coal Company, located at 1270 Mound Avenue, operated by [redacted]

[redacted] wife [redacted] employed by the L. Seft Coal Company; Central Engineering Company and president of the United Fuel and Supply Company, resides at [redacted] Racine.

[redacted] employed by the L. Seft Coal Company, residing at [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin.

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[redacted] further advised that the files of that concern also reflected that [redacted] residing at [redacted] and a practicing attorney with offices located at 429 Main Street, Racine, was age [redacted] in 1956 and was married in 1941 to [redacted] of 1501 Milwaukee Street, Racine. They have three children by this union. [redacted] graduated from Marquette University School of Law in 1937 and was admitted to the practice of law on June 24, 1937 at Racine. As of August, 1949, [redacted] in addition to his law practice also was employed as office manager for 1½ years for the Racine Washed Sand and Gravel Company. As of February, 1953, his income was estimated at approximately [redacted] has been known to the credit bureau since 1937 and nothing of a derogatory nature relating to character or credit has been received relating to him by that concern.

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CRIMINAL

The Identification Division of the FBI on December 8, 1961 made available the following fingerprint history relating to a WILLIAM COVELLI under FBI No. 459 040:

<u>Contributor of Prints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD, Kenosha, Wis.	William Covelli No. 1367	8/31/32	Murder	TOT Sheriff at Portage, Wis.
PD, Milwaukee, Wis.	William Covelli No. 23390	9/1/32	Fugitive Murder	TOT Sheriff, Portage, Wis. 9/1/32
USM, Milwau- kee, Wis.	William Covelli No. 1497	10/31/41	vio. Int. Rev. laws	On bond
ATU, Chicago, Ill.	William Covelli No. 5345-M	11/1/41	vio. Int. Rev. laws	2/24/42 dish.

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At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

[redacted] Records Section, Police Department,
City of Kenosha, on December 14, 1961 advised the foregoing
fingerprint history related to WILLIAM "RED" COVELLI,
father of the Subject, who was murdered June 11, 1945 on
Highway 42 in Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

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CHARACTERIZATION OF INFORMANTS

MI T-2 is [redacted] who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, these particularly in the Italian-American element, and he is aware of their current illegal activities. He has furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
January 30, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

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Title **WILLIAM COVELLI**

Character **INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES**

Reference **Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS,
JR. dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **MILWAUKEE** [REDACTED]

FROM : SA **JOHN H. GASSAWAY**

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: **2/16/62**

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Dates of Contact	
2/8, 12, 13 and 14, 62 and 2/16/62	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, ar	94-316 HOLTZMAN
CIP	92-145 [REDACTED]
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO	92-164 HIGGINS
STEVE DI SALVO	92-165 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE	92-166 HOLTZMAN
WILLIAM C. COVELLI, TGA-WS	162-49 HIGGINS
Purpose and results of contact	165-12 THOMPSON
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative	162-1 THOMPSON
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	
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<p>On [REDACTED] informant advised that on that night there was to be a meeting of some of the Milwaukee top hoodlums and possibly a few from out of town, but he was not certain where the meeting would be held or who was planning to attend it. He said that he understands that it concerns gambling in Milwaukee as well as FRANK BALISTRIERI's [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Informant also said that he had learned that [REDACTED] of the Italian-American element in Milwaukee, was supposed to have attended the Apalachin meeting several years ago, but he was unable to do so because of a sudden illness. He sent a representative from Milwaukee, name unknown, but the latter did not attend</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	
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HI [REDACTED]

the meeting when he observed police cars checking the cars of individuals attending it. He stated that FRANK DALISTRIERI may have very possibly been the representative, but he has no proof of this and that the latter has said that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On 2/14/62, informant also advised that the leaders of the Italian-American hoodlum element in Milwaukee and other places for that matter have contacts and friends placed high in public life and also in local businesses. As an example, he cited that FRANK DALISTRIERI and other top hoodlums have a contact with [REDACTED]

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Informant stated on 2/8/62 that from conversations he has overheard lately, the Milwaukee Italian-American outfit is definitely controlled by the leaders in Kansas City, and any deals involving the Chicago outfit have to be cleared through Kansas City. Chicago's go-between is "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO of Chicago who has been told by DALISTRIERI to stay out of town until further notice because DALISTRIERI is afraid that "Milwaukee Phil" has been seen in Milwaukee too often by Federal officers. He also said that in connection with Chicago, TONY ACCARDO is often referred to as "J D."

Informant stated that the following is entirely a rumor among the top hoodlums, and he has no specific proof concerning it but is merely passing it on as a rumor. He said that the top hoodlums claim that ex-President HARRY TRUMAN is controlled by the Kansas City outfit and that he has called on Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY quite a few times in an effort to have the latter call off the Federal drive on gamblers and hoodlums. He stated that the top hoodlums want KENNEDY removed from his post as Attorney General and have him made a good will

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ambassador instead. Informant stated that these hoodlums feel that great political pressure will be put on President JOHN KENNEDY to place his brother in another position.

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Informant further advised that PETER DALISTRERI still feels that he and his brother FRANK will not be convicted for income tax evasion as he does not think IRA has enough on them.

Informant further advised that on the night of [REDACTED] WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, who handles the gambling game there with JOHN RIZZO, brought [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

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On 2/12/62, informant was contacted in regards to FRANK DALISTRERI or other top leaders of the Milwaukee Italian-American hoodlum element possibly attending a meeting of top hoodlums in the Miami, Florida, area the prior week or on that weekend. Informant stated that as far as he knows FRANK DALISTRERI and the other Milwaukee top hoodlums were all in Milwaukee during the past week, and he knows DALISTRERI was in town over the weekend as he saw him on Sunday, February 11, and his lieutenants, STEVE DI SALVO and DUSTER DALESTRENE were with him.

On 2/13/62, informant telephonically advised that he had learned that DUSTER DALESTRENE, STEVE DI SALVO, JOE GUERRERA and possibly FRANK DALISTRERI were going to attend an important meeting somewhere during the daytime on [REDACTED]. He stated that they could not be going very far as DUSTER DALESTRENE has [REDACTED]

On 2/14/62, informant advised that JOE GUERRERA, whom he had advised the previous date would attend a meeting with DUSTER DALESTRENE, STEVE DI SALVO and possibly FRANK DALISTRERI, is a long-time friend of DUSTER DALESTRENE and possibly [REDACTED]

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It's said that [redacted] is now [redacted]
[redacted] is now on the Milwaukee outfit's payroll.

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Informant further advised that he had learned that [redacted] and an individual known as [redacted] are in Florida, possibly Miami, and [redacted] is with them. He said that [redacted] is the individual who used to [redacted] at the booking joint, which was operated by EUSTACE DALESTRENE and STEVE DI SALVO and which is now closed. Informant said that [redacted] in Florida. It is believed that the [redacted] referred to by informant is [redacted] whose whereabouts have been unknown for several weeks.

Informant also advised that from what he can gather in talking to [redacted] someone close to [redacted] is obtaining information from him concerning his plans for [redacted] in Milwaukee and is passing this information on to [redacted]. It is stated that [redacted] hope to learn [redacted]

On 2/16/52, around 12:30 AM, informant telephonically advised that FRANK DALESTRENE, EUSTACE DALESTRENE, STEVE DI SALVO and ANTONIO had just left [redacted] in [redacted] supposedly to meet some out of town hoodlums who were staying in Milwaukee. Informant said that he did not know their identity or where they were from and that they were probably staying in a motel on the outskirts to keep the police from seeing them. He was then asked if he knew the identity of the three Kansas City hoodlums who were supposed to have been in Milwaukee the night of [redacted] with the above subjects and where they might have stayed in Milwaukee. He said that he was not aware of the identity of these individuals and that they must have stayed in a motel on the outskirts of Milwaukee [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 3/30/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/9/62 - 3/21/62
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY ol
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITY	

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., Milwaukee 1/30/62.

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU: There are being enclosed herewith an original and one copy of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

LEADSCHICAGO DIVISION:

At Chicago, Illinois:

1. Will identify [redacted]

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2. Will conduct necessary credit and criminal checks on about [REDACTED] and attempt to determine from logical sources if either of these [REDACTED] have hoodlum connections or are, in fact, hoodlums themselves.

At Kankakee, Illinois:

1. Will similarly as for Chicago, Ill., above, identify and handle [REDACTED]

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Will as set forth for Chicago, Ill., above, identify

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it being noted [REDACTED] in December, 1961 stated [REDACTED]

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At Racine, Wisconsin:

Will, as requested at Chicago, Ill., above, identify

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

Will continue to develop the current activities and associates of subject COVELLI in effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 9, 1962, which was not available for assimilation into referenced report at time of dictation.

The information regarding [redacted] set forth in this report and [redacted]

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[redacted] was furnished on 1/9/62 by [redacted] at Milwaukee, Wis., to SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD.

It is to be noted that [redacted]

[redacted] who is subject of Milwaukee case entitled "ITWL, Milwaukee File 165-11." Further, [redacted]

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[redacted] JOHN C. RIZZO, 1906 Emerson Road, Racine, who is subject of Milwaukee case entitled "JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AKA, AR," Milwaukee file 92-164, BUfile 92-5012. A review of Milwaukee Office indices was conducted by SA(A) [redacted] on 2/15/62 relative to the identity of EUGENE COVELLI, 545 N. 17th Street, Milwaukee, at which time it could not be determined if this individual is identical with subject of the following file:

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EUGENE JOSEPH COVELLI, Temporary Substitute Clerk - Appointee, Post Office Department, Madison, Wisconsin, Loyalty of Government Employee, was the subject of Milwaukee file 121-769. Report of SA MARTIN L. CROAK at Milwaukee, April 22, 1950 showed the applicant was

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born January 15, 1920 at Cosenza, Italy. Applicant's father was shown as FILIBERTO COVELLI, born July 16, 1883, Marano, Italy, and his mother as GELSOMINA CATIA COVELLI, born May 8, 1901 at Marano, Italy. Applicant's father was naturalized on February 2, 1914, in the Circuit Court, Kenosha, Wisconsin, docket number 410674. Applicant served in the U. S. Army from January 7, 1941 to September 18, 1943 and was employed at Nash Motors, Kenosha from February, 1944 to September, 1944. A review of U. S. Army records show no immediate relatives as a WILLIAM COVELLI. No credit or criminal records were located at either Madison or Kenosha, Wis., on EUGENE JOSEPH COVELLI.

INFORMANTS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

1 - USA, Milwaukee (RM)

Report of:

SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.

Office: Milwaukee

Date:

March 30, 1962

Field Office File No.:

162-49

Bureau File No.:

162-777

Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character:

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Results of [REDACTED]

set forth. Mrs. CONLEY is a maternal aunt of subject COVELLI, whose residence is located one block from 2207 56th Street, Kenosha gambling site. MI T-2 advised COVELLI on night of [REDACTED] brought [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 1958 and 1959 Wis. Income Tax data on COVELLI and wife, ELEANOR, obtained. Milwaukee informants advise gambling site at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wis., run by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is regularly attended by COVELLI and gambling is conducted there on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

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DETAILS:

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

Previous investigation conducted in this matter developed the background information that a Mrs. JOHN CONLEY, nee JULIA COSENTINO, residing at 5500 22nd Avenue, Kenosha is the maternal aunt of Subject WILLIAM COVELLI. Mrs. CONLEY's

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residence is located one block from the 56th Street Cigar Store, located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, where JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Racine, Wisconsin conducts gambling, consisting principally of craps and cards.

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Date January 19, 1962

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may be obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum
directed to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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On 1/9/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/sem Date dictated 1/15/62

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

On February 8, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that on the night of [REDACTED] WILLIAM COVELLI, of Kenosha, who handles the gambling came there with JOHN RIZZO, brought [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On February 19, 1962 MI T-2 advised that the following individuals from Milwaukee go to JOHN RIZZO's gambling game at Kenosha, Wisconsin regularly on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons:

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA (A) [redacted]
[redacted] on February 15, 1962:

The files of the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, reflect no records identifiable with either [redacted]
[redacted] or EUGENE COVELLI, 545 North 17th Street, Apartment 9.

The Milwaukee Street Directory for 1961 verified the above address on the two above mentioned individuals. A check of the current Milwaukee City Directory reflects no listing with the above individuals.

[redacted] Bureau of Identification, Milwaukee PD, advised that she could locate no records identifiable with [redacted] or EUGENE COVELLI.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 20, 1962.

[redacted] Records Section, Wisconsin State Department of Taxation, made available State of Wisconsin income tax return forms for the Subject for the years 1958 and 1959 and advised that, although he had filed a 1960 return, it could not be located. [redacted] will advise this Office if and when the 1960 return is found. She pointed out that COVELLI's returns are being audited by the Department of Taxation and that [redacted] a state taxation auditor is running a net-worth investigation on COVELLI.

The following information was obtained as a result of perusal of returns for 1958 and 1959:

In 1958, COVELLI and his wife, ELEANOR, filed individual returns and he showed the following sources of income:

\$15,482.04, gain on sale, J. W. Vending Company (sale price, \$20,000)

320.63 net profit, J. W. Vending Company

\$15,802.67 Total

\$823.20, Deduction

\$778.12, Tax paid.

Deductions included interest payments to [redacted] \$473.06 and to [redacted] \$102.50.

ELEANOR COVELLI's individual return for 1958 showed income of \$3,035.91 from the Simmons Company on which she paid a tax of \$26.86.

In 1959 COVELLI and his wife filed a joint return showing their address as 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha; his occupation as janitor and hers as clerk. Income listed in taxes paid was as follows:

\$3,207.91, her income Simmons Company.

\$2,000, his income, janitorial services (not further identified)

\$28.12, her tax paid.

\$25.62, his tax paid.

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On March 12, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO is operating his craps and blackjack games in Kenosha, Wisconsin regularly on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and that these games run well into four and five AM on Monday mornings. RIZZO opens his place between six and seven PM on Sunday evenings and later than that on Friday evenings. [REDACTED]

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

On March 21, 1962 MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is now operating his craps and card games at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, known as the 56th Street Cigar Store, regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. [REDACTED] and WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI are always present at these games. Informant advised he doubted, however, whether COVELLI has any real authority, but [REDACTED] would be the one used by RIZZO to maintain order and probably be the one to admit recognized gamblers at the front door entrance to that gambling site.

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN:

On March 21, 1962 a review was conducted of the Racine, Wisconsin telephone directories and city of Racine alphabetical street guide directories, which review revealed the following telephone numbers as being listed therein as follows:

Elrose 2-8753 - Listed to JOHN C. RIZZO,
1906 Emmertson Road
Racine

[REDACTED] - Listed to [REDACTED]
lawyer, 423 Arcade Building,
439 Main Street, office telephone
number Elrose 2-4477; residence
[REDACTED] Racine, tele-
phone [REDACTED]

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MIrose 2-4477 - Listed to [redacted]
and [redacted] Attorneys
at Law, 401 Arcade Building, 429
South Main Street, Racine

MIrose 3-9366 Listed to DAVID SEFT, 2413 Eric
Street, telephone number MI 3-9366
operator of Odds and Ends Club,
1210 State Street, telephone
MIrose 4-9391, Racine.

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[redacted] Listed to STANLEY WOJSZKO, [redacted]
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]
[redacted] married to [redacted]
AND EMPLOYED as factory worker at
J. I. Case Company; a WALTER
WOJSZKO is also listed as residing
at this address with no employment
shown.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 30, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

MI 162-49

Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
IGA.
(OO: Milwaukee)

DATE: 3-29-62

Reference the report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., dated 1-30-62 at Milwaukee.

There are enclosed herewith 2 copies of 302 reflecting results of check with [redacted] regarding [redacted]

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It is noted that all of the information contained in the Chic. files regarding [redacted] was furnished your office on 12-28-61 in the case entitled JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR. (Milwaukee file # 92-164).

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The Chicago Telephone Directory indicates that telephone number AN 3-4966 is listed to the SHANGRI LA RESTAURANT, 222 N. State St., Chicago and that number DA 6-6100 is listed to the Dunlap Steel Corp., 2404 S. Canal, Chicago, Illinois. Chicago indices are negative with reference to the Dunlap Steel Corp., but it is noted that [redacted] is reportedly a steel company owner. Indices regarding the SHANGRI LA contain no information of pertinence to this inquiry.

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Date Received 3/31/62

D. [redacted] 4/2/62

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
March 30, 1962

MI T-1 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 4/11/62

FROM : SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact			
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Titles and File #s on which contacted			
[redacted]	aka ITWP	168-9	(Higgins)
GTP		92-145	[redacted]
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka	IGA	162-49	(Higgins)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka	AR	92-164	(Higgins)
Purpose and results of contact			
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Informant stated that in regard to [redacted] of Kenosha, Wis., from informant has learned [redacted] appears to be strictly engaged in legitimate trade as [redacted] Kenosha, and is not engaged in handling of pool tickets of any kind in the City of Kenosha.			
<p>Informant said that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is now operating his "craps" and poker games at 2307 56th St., Kenosha, regularly on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays all at night, and that [redacted] and BILL COVELLI are always present at these games. Informant said that he doubted COVELLI has any real authority and that [redacted] would be the one used by RIZZO to maintain order and admit recognized gamblers at the front door entrance.</p> <p>Informant also advised that [redacted] is not operating at the [redacted] and no gambling is being done in Kenosha for the present by [redacted] and none is expected until after the Federal Grand Jury investigation is completed and knowledge is had as to what gambling is allowed and what is the scope of Federal coverage.</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.			
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Memorandum

TO : SAC MILWAUKEE [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/11/62

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact

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Titles and File #s on which contacted

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 HIGGINS
STEVE DI SALVO, AR	92-165 HOLTZMAN
BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI	165-15 HOLTZMAN
WILLIAM COVELLI, TGA-WS	162-49 HIGGINS
CIP	92-145 [REDACTED]
TGA	162-1 THOMPSON

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☐ Positive

Informant advised that JOHNNY RIZZO is still operating his crap and black jack game at Kenosha and that the games begin at nine PM on Friday and Saturday nights and four PM on Sundays.

[REDACTED] He said
that BILL COVELLI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that JOHNNY RIZZO
[REDACTED] He stated that BUSTER
BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO [REDACTED]

but they do not go down to RIZZO's.

Informant drew a diagram of the setup of RIZZO's game, showing a liquor store on one side and Greco's Restaurant

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☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating EXCELLENT

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on the other. It has the appearance of an empty store with a large plate-glass window painted green. He stated that one enters the gambling place by a door into this empty store and then goes to a hall, which is between this store and Greco's Restaurant and thence to a room directly in back of the empty store where the action goes on, and no lights can be seen from the outside. [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

DATE: 5/2/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI
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OO: Milwaukee

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Re report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Milwaukee, 1/30/62.

The following investigation was conducted at Milwaukee, Wis.
On 4/6/62 [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in
the past - advised that [REDACTED]

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On the same date source advised [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FRANK L. SANSONE, 8676 West Manor Court, Milwaukee 17,
Wisconsin. SANSONE is presently the Subject of a current ITWI
investigation being conducted by the Milwaukee Office (165-13).

The source further advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] There is no information in Credit Bureau, PD
or Milwaukee Office indices identifiable with [REDACTED]

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SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
(OO: Milwaukee)

Reference the report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.,
dated 3-30-62 at Milwaukee.

DETAILS AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Chicago telephone number SU 7-0260 is the number
of the "Sports Bulletin Service" of the "Chicago Tribune" news-
paper. When one dials this number he hears a recording of the
results of various sporting events.

Chicago telephone number [redacted] is a phone listed
to [redacted] has advised in December of 1961
that the company of which he is a co-owner [redacted]
[redacted] Chicago, Illinois has been
the subscriber to telephone numbers [redacted]
for several years. He advised that he has handicapped sporting
events since the early 1930's. In late 1958 [redacted]
became his partner. This firm now handicaps major and high
minor league baseball games, college and professional football
and college and professional basketball games. They also have
published schedules of such events which they sent to customers
throughout the United States. Their usual charge for handi-
capping service has been \$30.00 per week and they sell their
schedules for 12¢ per copy.

[redacted] advised that as of September 13, 1961 he
discontinued dissemination of handicapping service to customers
located outside the State of Illinois. He also advised that he
has discontinued all phases of his former operations which might
make him susceptible to federal prosecution. [redacted] reportedly
left the Chicago area in December 1961 but his office continues
to function under the direction of [redacted] has refused to
answer questions about the business or to cooperate with any
investigation.

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REGULAR MAIL

To: SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)
From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) P
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI,
aka
IGA

Re Chicago letter to Milwaukee 3/29/62; report SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., Milwaukee, 3/30/62.

Chicago is requested to expedite coverage of leads set forth in referenced report at Chicago and Waukegan, Illinois.

2 Chicago (162-277) (REGULAR MAIL)

1 Milwaukee (162-49)

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[redacted]
[redacted] may be obtained by issuance of a subpoena
duces tecum issued to [redacted]
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On 3/9/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
by SAA ALBERT G. MACDONALD/bs Date dictated 3/15/62

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 6/19/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/9/62 - 6/15/62
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka Willie Covelli, Bill Covelli, "Weiser" Covelli, Joe H. Marino, Joe Marines, Joe Marini		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY eak
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 3/30/62, Milwaukee.
Chicago letter to Milwaukee 3/29/62 (IO).
Milwaukee letter to Chicago 5/29/62 (IO).

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (2):

Original and copy of letterhead memo reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

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At Chicago, Ill.

(1) Will identify [redacted]

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[redacted], Kenosha, Wis.

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(2) Will conduct necessary credit and criminal checks and contact logical sources and informants to determine whether subscriber has hoodlum connections or is, in fact, a hoodlum as well.

At Waukegan, Ill.

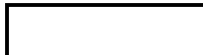
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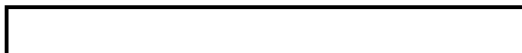
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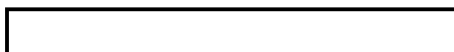
At Tampa, Fla.

(1) Will similarly, as set forth above at Chicago, identify the following subscribers of telephone numbers:



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1/14, 22/62



contacted 1/21/62

Tampa 255-8491 (Little Gem Store, Cess and Albany) contacted 1/19, 21/62

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At Milwaukee, Wis.

(1) Will at the Schroeder Hotel identify occupant of room 707 on dates of 2/5,6/62 and conduct logical investigation to ascertain background and reputation and whether known to be hoodlum or connected with hoodlum element in Milwaukee.

At Kenosha, Wis.

Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the US.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted in March, 1962, results of which were not available for inclusion in rerep.

Information regarding [redacted]
set forth in this report [redacted]

[redacted] Kenosha, was furnished on 3/9/62 to SA (A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD by [redacted]

Information regarding [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] was furnished on 3/26/62 by [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, to IC FRANCIS G. KAHL.

It is to be noted Milwaukee, Wis. telephone number FL 2-6465 is listed to FRANK L. SANSONE, 8676 W. Manor Court, Milwaukee, who is subject of Milwaukee case entitled, "FRANK SANSONE, aka, ITWI," MI file 165-13.

INFORMANTS

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Source

T-1 is

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee (RM)

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Office: MILWAUKEE
Date: 6/19/62

Field Office File #: MI 162-49 Bureau File #: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Results of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Identities of several previous telephone contacts, together with their backgrounds, set forth. MI T-2 advises Subject supervises collections and payoffs at RIZZO's craps game at Kenosha, Wis. on week-end nights. MI T-4 advised that on Sunday night, 4/8/62, Subject was at table in RIZZO's place running a craps game with about twenty men in the game, and there must have been \$10,000 on the table in front of Subject.

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DETAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

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On 3/26/62 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 162-277
MI 162-49
by IC FRANCIS G. KAHL/clp Date dictated 3/26/62

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On December 28, 1961 the Chicago Office advised in another investigation concerning [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, as follows.

[redacted], Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by SAS RALPH R. HILL, Jr. and [redacted] on February 17, 1961 in connection with a trip to New York made by one SAM "MOONEY" GIANCANA (Chicago top hoodlum) in October, 1960.

[redacted] advised that on October 6, 1960 he registered into a suite of rooms in the Hampshire House, New York City, and was accompanied by [redacted] all Chicago businessmen. Another person was present whom he knew as a [redacted] from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and a friend of [redacted]. He denied that GIANCANA was one of the occupants of this suite or that GIANCANA visited this party at any time.

According to the records of the Chicago Police Department, as searched in April, 1958, [redacted] described as 6'1", age [redacted] occupation [redacted] was arrested on November 13, 1941 for no driver's license. He was discharged December 9, 1941. [redacted] was born [redacted] at Brooklyn, New York, 6'1" and was employed as a [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He was arrested on May 14, 1952 for driving under the influence of alcohol and on June 23, 1952 was fined \$5 and costs. [redacted] born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, was employed as a [redacted], and he was arrested on January 2, 1957 for driving under the influence of alcohol. This charge was changed to reckless driving, and he was fined \$100 plus \$6 costs on February 13, 1957.

On March 29, 1962 the Chicago Office advised Milwaukee that a review of the Chicago Telephone Directory indicated that telephone number AN 3-4966 is listed to the Shangri La Restaurant, 222 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois, and telephone number DA 6-6100 is listed to the Dunlap Steel Corporation, 2404 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 6, 1962 MI T-3 advised SA [REDACTED]

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MI T-3 stated further that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FRANK L. SANSONE, 8676
West Manor Court, Milwaukee 17, Wisconsin. Further,

[REDACTED]

On April 6, 1962 inquiries conducted by SA [REDACTED]
of the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Police
Department failed to reflect any information identifiable
with [REDACTED]

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On April 6, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY
that JOHN RIZZO is still operating his craps and blackjack
games at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and the games begin at 9:00 PM
on Friday and Saturday nights and at 4:00 PM on Sunday
afternoons. Informant stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant said that BILL COVELLI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and

that RIZZO [REDACTED] Informant stated
that BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] but these individuals do not go to RIZZO's in
Kenosha.

MI T-2 stated that RIZZO's game is located on
56th Street with a liquor store on one side and Greco's
Restaurant on the other, and the gambling site has the
appearance of being an empty store with a large plate glass
window painted green. Informant stated that when one
enters the gambling place by a door into this empty store,
he then goes to a hall, which is between this door and
Greco's Restaurant, and then to a room directly in back
of the empty portion of the store where the action goes on.
Informant said that no lights can be seen from the outside
at all.

[REDACTED]

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On April 5, 1962 MI T-4 advised SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON that he was acquainted with RIZZO's gambling joint, located next door to Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and there is craps gambling going on there each Friday night and Sundays. Informant stated that this site has two partitions through which one must pass to get to the craps game, and there was a back door which was barricaded and a door that apparently led to Greco's Restaurant, which is also barricaded. Informant stated he believes there is another door, which possibly is connected with Gerolmo's Liquor Tavern, located on the east side of the gambling site and from which the gamblers buy dice and cards. Informant described the dice table as being about 8 feet by sixteen feet in dimension and was usually lined with players.

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On April 10, 1962 MI T-4 advised SA THOMPSON that he visited RIZZO's craps game on [redacted] where RIZZO was watching, and COVELLI was handling the money. There were about twenty men at the craps game, and there must have been \$10,000 on the table in front of COVELLI. An unknown man was handling the dice, described as 50 years of age, small and wore glasses, and he would pick up the dice and throw them to the player after they were picked up from the table.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

At Racine, Wisconsin

The 1961 Racine City Directory reflected that STANLEY WOJSZKO resided at [REDACTED] wife [REDACTED] and that he was employed by the J. I. Case Company.

The 1961 Racine City Directory reflected DAVID SHEFT resided at 2413 Erie Street and that he was the operator of the Odds and Ends Club, 1210 State Street.

[REDACTED] Bureau of Identification, Racine Police Department, on April 9, 1962, advised that he could find no arrest record on STANLEY WOJSZKO based on the spelling of his name.

[REDACTED] stated that their files reflected that DAVID SHEFT, Racine Police Department No. 6522, address, 2414 Erie Street, born November 1, 1916, Ottawa, Canada, had a number of arrests.

<u>Date Arrested</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
2/26/37	Gambling	Dismissed
7/15/40	Receiving & concealing stolen property	Dismissed
9/18/40	Receiving & concealing stolen property	2 yrs. probation
3/27/44	Keeper of Gambling House	\$100 and cost
11/17/47	Arterial Violation	\$14.09 (fine & cost)
5/26/52	Liquor Laws	Released
11/20/52	Disorderly Conduct	Forfeited \$25 Bail
11/14/55	One-Way Violation	\$5 fine
10/30/57	Possession of Gambling Equipment	Released
2/12/58	Liquor Violation	Dismissed

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<u>Date Arrested</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
6/15/60	Permit Minor to Linger	\$100 & cost
2/28/61	Keeper of Gambling House	Dismissed
3/3/61	Inmate, House of Illegal Fame	Still pending

[redacted] stated that it had been reported to their Department that SHEFT was no longer the operator of the Odds and Ends Tavern located at 1210 State Street.

On May 4, 1962, [redacted] Racing Credit Bureau, advised that their files reflected that STANLEY WOJSZKO, [redacted] had been known to their bureau since September, 1932 and that he has been employed by the J. I. Case Company since approximately February, 1935. There is nothing of a derogatory nature concerning WOJSZKO's credit rating.

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[redacted] stated that with regard to DAVID SHEFT, 2413 Erie Street, their last credit inquiry had been as of April, 1960 and that DAVID SHEFT was shown to be the operator of the Odds and Ends Tavern, 1210 State Street. There was nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning the credit of DAVID SHEFT.

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On May 13, 1962 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that RIZZO is still operating his gambling site in Kenosha, Wisconsin on Friday, Saturday and Sundays, and he has the same individuals patronizing the game from Milwaukee. Informant said that RIZZO and COVELLI are definitely supervising the game and are at the game all of the time.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

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On June 15, 1962 MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr. that the "56th Street Cigar Store" at 2207 56th Street in Kenosha, which is operated by JOHN RIZZO and attended by BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, together with [redacted] of Kenosha, is still operating on a regular basis on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and apparently they have no fear of being shut down.

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*In Reply, Please Refer to
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Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

June 19, 1962

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference is made to the report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., dated and captioned as above at Milwaukee.

All informants mentioned in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] MI T-1 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years.

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MI T-2 is [redacted] who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

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MI T-3 is a source [redacted] in the Milwaukee area.

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MI T-4 is an individual who is personally acquainted with a number of individuals in the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin and is aware of their current illegal activities.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

DATE: June 18, 1962

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, Aka.
IGA

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., 3/30/62
at Milwaukee and remylet 5/4/62.

It was determined through telephone cross-index,
Waukegan, Illinois, that telephone numbers enumerated are
listed as follows:

[redacted] Office telephone. [redacted]

[redacted] Waukegan, Illinois

[redacted] - Home telephone. [redacted]

[redacted] Sheridan, Waukegan, Illinois

[redacted] Waukegan, Illinois

CHerry 4-1775 - Montine's Coiffeurs
1904 10th Street, Waukegan,
Illinois

There are enclosed herewith nine copies of an
FD 302 reflecting interview on May 8, 1962 of [redacted]

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[redacted] Credit Bureau of Waukegan-
North Chicago, Waukegan, Illinois, advised SA O. ARTHUR
GRAN on April 16, 1962, from records that [redacted]
[redacted] age [redacted] wife. [redacted] is a [redacted]
employed since May, 1958, by [redacted]
[redacted] Deerfield, Illinois. He has two
children, ages [redacted] There was no derogatory infor-
mation.

She further advised from records that [redacted]
[redacted] date of birth, [redacted] was listed as
divorced in November, 1956, and as operator of [redacted]
[redacted] In 1956 her address was
Geneva Hotel, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. As of October,
1957, she was employed by [redacted] Great
Lakes, Illinois. Her latest residence address is [redacted]
[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin.

[redacted] Identification Officer,
Waukegan, Illinois Police Department advised SA GRAN
on May 24, 1962, that he had no record of arrest regarding
[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

DATE: 7/24/62

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (162-154) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

Re Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. at Milwaukee dated 6/19/62. The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Tampa, Florida:

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On 7/12/62 a review of the Donnelly's Yellow Book Crisscross telephone directory, the April, 1962 Tampa Telephone Directory, and the Tampa, Florida city directory for 1962 revealed that telephone number 253-9453 is subscribed to by JIMMY WHITES La Concha Bar and Package Store, 1725 Grand Central Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

Telephone number 255-8491 is subscribed to by Little General Stores, Inc., 1955 West Cass Street, Tampa, Florida.

[redacted]
[redacted] Tampa, Florida advised on 7/12/62 that [redacted] in Tampa, Florida.

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[redacted] is possibly identical with [redacted] formerly of [redacted] Tampa, Florida who has been contacted by the Tampa Division in the past. [redacted] is cooperative and is not known to have been involved in gambling activities.

[redacted] is presently traveling with [redacted]

[redacted] frequents JIMMY WHITES La Concha Bar and Package Store with her.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
(OO: Milwaukee)

DATE: 7-26-62

Reference the report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., dated 6-19-62 at Milwaukee.

DETAILS AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On 7-12-62 SA CURTIS L. PERRYMAN ascertained from a telephone service available to the public that telephone number IN7-2900 is a number of the American Air Lines, Chicago, Illinois which gives a recorded announcement about flight information.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 7/23/62

FROM : SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

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SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">6/15/62;</div>	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO AR	92-164 (Higgins)
WILLIAM COVELLI IGA	162-49 (Higgins)
OIP	92-145
IGA	162-1 (Thompson)
Purpose and results of contact	
<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"><div style="margin-right: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive</div><div><p>Informant advised that the "56th Street Cigar Store" at 2207 56th St., Kenosha, Wis., headed by JOHNNY RIZZO and attended by BILL "WEISER" COVELLI and is still operating as a gambling site for 2craps2 and poker games on a regular basis on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights and that these gamblers give no indication of a fear of being raided or shut down by local authorities. Informant added</p><div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 580px; height: 35px; margin-top: 10px;"></div></div></div>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	
Personal Data	Rating V.G. Coverage AR, WSTA, IGA

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TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 8/2/62

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FROM : SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

☒ CI ☐ SI

☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact	
7/28/62	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164 (Higgins)
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka IGA	162-49 (Higgins)
GIP	92-145
IGA	162-1 (Thompson)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☒ Positive

Informant advised that [redacted] at JOHN RIZZO'S gambling site at 2207 56th St., Kenosha, RIZZO is said to have ousted JEFF COVELLI, brother of BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, from the game at Kenosha and JEFF is handling a piece of the "bookie" business on his own. "WEISER" COVELLI is still there and [redacted] who was always close to WEISER, is said also to be at this site now. RIZZO is still operating Friday thru Sunday nights of each week on steady basis, and without apparent fear of a raid.

[redacted] is still looking around for a place to open craps and poker and would like to find a location in the County outside of the City of Kenosha [redacted]

Informant said that [redacted] and [redacted] of Antioch, Ill., have [redacted]

Security informant advised that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating

V.G.

Coverage

IGA, AR, ANTI-RACKETEERING
WSTA, FIDES, ITSP, TPIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

Milwaukee

DATE: 8/3/62

FROM : SA

JOHN H. GASSAWAY

☒ CI ☐ SI
☐ PCI ☐ PSI

SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact

8/1/62

Titles and File #s on which contacted

STEVE DI SALVO, AR

92-165 HOLTZMAN

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR

94-316 HOLTZMAN

JOE GURERA, AR

92-257 THOMPSON

BUSTER BALESTRERE, ITWI

165-15 HOLTZMAN

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR

92-164 HIGGINS

WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA-WS

162-49 HIGGINS

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☐ Positive

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IGA

ITWI

92-145 KNICKREHM
162-1 THOMPSON
165-71 HOLTZMAN

Informant stated that "the office" is still operating and taking a great many lay off bets from other gamblers as well as taking direct bets from individuals who place them. He stated that

whose true name is

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Personal Data

Rating EXCELLENT

Coverage GAMBLING

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Informant was questioned as to description, etc., of [redacted] who he had previously stated [redacted] as there are a great many [redacted] in Milwaukee and investigation to date had failed to reflect this individual's true identity. He stated that [redacted] resides at [redacted] Milwaukee, and his father is [redacted] in whose name the phone is listed. He is in his late [redacted] mail build, black hair, single. In his off-time he hangs around the [redacted] in Milwaukee and was at one time a [redacted] He drives a new 1952 Ford, which he believed to be maroon in color.

The following was asked as to the true identity of certain individuals whose names had been obtained as customers of [redacted] He stated that [redacted] could be possibly [redacted] [redacted] is advised that [redacted] is probably the individual who operated [redacted] which is the place where [redacted] another gambler, [redacted] out. He advised that the individual using the name of [redacted] is [redacted] who used to be a [redacted]

In regard to [redacted] trial on the charge of receiving stolen property in which case Judge WILLIAM C. MILLER of Waukesha County Circuit Court found [redacted] not guilty, informant stated that something was funny there as they had the individuals who stole the goods testifying against [redacted] but [redacted] was found not guilty. He said that there is a rumor around town that it cost [redacted] \$2500 to have the case fixed, but he does not know any details and that this is just a rumor.

In regards to the John Doe hearing now going on concerning the Milwaukee PD being conducted by the Attorney General of

RE [REDACTED]

Wisconsin, [REDACTED] informant pointed out that [REDACTED] is running for Governor on the Democratic ticket and that District Attorney [REDACTED] is a powerful Democrat in Milwaukee and appears upset over the John Doe identification. Informant stated that

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Informant said that he heard that there were two big boys in from Kansas City approximately two weeks ago, but he did not see them and does not know their identity. He pointed out that the Milwaukee outfit is actually supposedly run by the Kansas City outfit, and this is more pointed out by the fact that JOE GUZZA of Kansas City is practically running Milwaukee at the present time.

Informant said that he has now learned that JOE GUZZA is holding all of his meetings with Milwaukee hoodlums and also meets out of town individuals in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in Milwaukee.

He stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said that on Monday, [REDACTED] JOE GUZZA sent [REDACTED] to Kansas City to pick up some money. He said that he did not know whether this was the proceeds of [REDACTED] in Kansas City or whether it was illegal money from the outfit.

III [redacted]

Informant said that on Monday, July 23, 1962, around 3 PM, two men drove up to [redacted] in a nine-passenger black Cadillac, which bore Illinois license. One of these individuals was wearing a black silk suit, alligator shoes, smoked long cigars and had a very large diamond on his left hand. He said that this individual was rather heavy and around 5' 9" and was definitely Italian. He said that both of the men went into [redacted] and that ENAL PALICZNER, LUCIA PALICZNER, DAVID DE CALVO and [redacted] were there at the time. Informant stated [redacted] and did not see the men talking to the above individuals. He said that these men were undoubtedly from Chicago and that he may find out their identities through conversation, but he naturally cannot ask questions as this is not healthy.

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In regards to DAVID DE CALVO and LUCIA PALICZNER going to [redacted] informant stated [redacted]

[redacted] said that they managed to pay this bot off, but he doesn't know where they got the money. He said that [redacted]

In regards to JOE GUANA, LUCIA and DAVID trying to shake down operators of night clubs and taverns, informant stated that they are still shaking down [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

In regards to the individual [REDACTED]
who gives information to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] informant said that all he knows is
that it is an individual by the name of [REDACTED] who
supposedly has [REDACTED]
and is in a position to obtain such information.

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Informant said that JAMES RIZZO is still operating his
crap game at Kenosha on Friday, Saturday and Sundays
and that he and RILEY SCOTT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 8/14/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/16 - 8/1/62
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY esl
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REFERENCE

Chicago letters to Milwaukee 6/18/62, 7/26/62 (IO)
 Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 6/19/62, Milwaukee
 Tampa letter to Milwaukee 7/24/62 (IO)

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (2):

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THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE
AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Will continue to develop current activities and associates of subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.



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The period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted in April and May, 1962, by the Chicago Office, results of which were not available for inclusion in referenced report.

INFORMANTS

<u>Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
MI T-1 is 	Instant report
MI T-2 is 	MI 92-164-115 MI 92-164-117

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Copy to: 1 - USA Milwaukee (RM)

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.
Date: August 14, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: Background on contacts of subject COVELLI set forth. MI T-1 advises JOHN RIZZO's craps and poker games continue to operate regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and are attended by subject COVELLI. MI T-2 in July, 1962 advises COVELLI [redacted]

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[redacted] Investigation continuing.

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DETAILS: AT WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

The following investigation at Waukegan, Illinois, was conducted by SA O. ARTHUR GRAN:

A review of the city of Waukegan Telephone Directory and cross-index telephone guide reflected the following telephone listings:

[redacted] Office telephone [redacted]

[redacted] Waukegan, Illinois

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[redacted]
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[redacted] Home telephone [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Waukegan, Illinois
[redacted]
[redacted] Waukegan, Illinois

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Montine's Coiffeurs
1904 10th Street, Waukegan,
Illinois
[redacted]

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Waukegan-North Chicago,
Waukegan, Illinois, advised on April 16, 1962, from records
that [redacted] age [redacted] wife [redacted] in a
[redacted] employed since May, 1958, by [redacted]
[redacted] Deerfield, Illinois. He has two children
ages [redacted] There was no derogatory information.

She further advised from records that [redacted] date
of birth, [redacted] was listed as divorced in November,
1956, and an operator of [redacted]
In 1956 her address was Geneva Hotel, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.
As of October, 1957, she was employed by [redacted]
[redacted] Great Lakes, Illinois. Her latest residence address
is [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin.

[redacted] Identification Officer, Waukegan, Illinois
Police Department, advised on May 24, 1962, that he had no
record of arrest regarding [redacted]
or [redacted]

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[redacted]
phone [redacted] who resides with wife and family at
[redacted] phone [redacted] who is personally
known to agent, advised as follows:

He has been acquainted for the past five or six years with BILL "WIESER" COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and used to play gin rummy with him frequently. Several years ago, COVELLI was interested in getting his cigarette vending machines installed in Navy Exchanges at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and asked [redacted] to inquire of [redacted] Navy Exchange Assistant Manager, and a friend of [redacted] [redacted] did talk to [redacted] about COVELLI, but the latter was never successful in placing any machines at Great Lakes.

[redacted] himself in the past has owned part interest in various race horses through [redacted]. As a result he has been interested in racing and up to a year or two ago, used to be quite regularly on the horses. Occasionally he would call COVELLI and have him place a bet for him at the track when he was going down.

He no longer engages in betting but considers COVELLI a friend. On numerous occasions he has called COVELLI for favors, and COVELLI has on many occasions been able to get him tickets to various sporting events.

[redacted] concluded that he has not engaged in any gambling activity with COVELLI in recent years and does not know what COVELLI's activities might be.

On 5/8/62 at Waukegan, Illinois File # MI 162-49
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by SA G. ARTHUR GRAN plb Date dictated 5/14/62

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

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On June 15, 1962, MI T-1 advised that the 56th Street Cigar Store located at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and headed by JOHNNY RIZZO, is still operating as a gambling site for craps and poker games on a regular basis on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights and these games are attended by subject COVELLI and [redacted]. According to the informant, RIZZO and COVELLI apparently have no fear of being shut down.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]:

On July 9, 1962, [redacted] Schroeder Hotel, advised that he ran his guest registration cards through for the period of February 1, 1962 through February 20, 1962, and was unable to identify any person assigned to Room 707 during that period. [redacted] said that Room 707 is a family suite and that the registration cards at the Schroeder Hotel are filed alphabetically by the guest's name.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by SA CURTIS L. PERRYMAN:

On July 12, 1962, it was ascertained from a telephone service available to the public that telephone number MI 7-2900 is a number of the American Air Lines at Chicago, Illinois, which gives a recorded announcement about flight information.

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]
[redacted]:

On July 12, 1962, a review of the Donnelly's Yellow Book Crisscross telephone directory, the April, 1962 Tampa Telephone Directory, and the Tampa, Florida City Directory for 1962 revealed that telephone number 253-9453 is subscribed to by JIMMY WHITE'S La Concha Bar and Package Store, 1725 Grand Central Avenue, Tampa, Florida.

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Telephone number 255-8491 is subscribed to by Little General Stores, Inc., 1955 West Gandy Street, Tampa, Florida.

[redacted]
[redacted] Tampa, Florida, advised on July 12, 1962, that [redacted] in Tampa, Florida.

[redacted] is possibly identical with [redacted] formerly of [redacted] Tampa, Florida, who has been contacted by the Tampa Division in the past. [redacted] is cooperative and is not known to have been involved in gambling activities.

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[redacted] is presently traveling with [redacted]

[redacted] frequents Jimmy White's La Concha Bar and Package Store with her.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On July 23, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO is still operating his craps game at Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and that [redacted] and the other gamblers from Milwaukee still meet at [redacted] and drive to Kenosha for gambling. MI T-2 stated that BILL COVELLI [redacted]

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On July 23, 1962, MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGHTON, Jr., that [redacted] has always [redacted] at JOHN RIZZO's gambling site at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha, or was [redacted] there. Informant advised that RIZZO is said to have ousted JEFF COVELLI, brother of BILL "Weiser" COVELLI, from the game at Kenosha and JEFF is supposedly handling a piece of the "Lookie" business on his own. "Weiser" COVELLI is still there and so is [redacted] who was always close to "Weiser." According to informant, [redacted] is said to be at this gambling site of RIZZO's now but in what capacity is not known. Informant

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added that RIZZO is still operating on Friday through Sunday nights of each week on a steady basis and apparently does not have fear of any raid.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On August 1, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO continues to operate his craps game at Kenosha on the week ends and that BILL GENTILE and RIZZO [REDACTED]

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**Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 14, 1962**

Title **WILLIAM COVELLI**

Character **INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES**

Reference **Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.,
at Milwaukee dated and captioned as
above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
August 14, 1962

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

MI T-1 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years.

MI T-2 is [redacted] who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

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INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

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TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY jb
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REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., Milwaukee, 8/14/62.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject COVELLI in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of laws of the United States.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Office: MILWAUKEE
Date: September 27, 1962

Field Office File No.: MI 162-49 Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: MI T-1 advises that Subject BILL "WEISER" COVELLI still has a hand in JOHNNY RIZZO's craps and poker game at Kenosha, Wisconsin on every weekend night and this gambling has continued without interruption for the past six or seven months.

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DETAILS: At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On September 6, 1962 MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that conditions are unchanged at Kenosha, Wisconsin with BILL "WEISER" COVELLI still having a hand in JOHNNY RIZZO's craps and poker games on every weekend at the 56th Street Cigar Store location and that this gambling has continued to get a big play without interruption for the past six or seven months and that the local authorities make no effort to interfere.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
September 27, 1962

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File No. **MI 162-49**

Title **WILLIAM COVELLI**

Character **INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES**

Reference **Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS,
Dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 9/25/62

FROM : SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

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SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact	
9/6/62	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164 (Higgins)
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka TOA	162-49 (Higgins)
CIP	92-145

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative
☒ Positive

Informant advised that conditions are unchanged at Kenosha, Wis., with respect to gambling and that BILL "WEISER" COVELLI still has a hand in the craps and poker games run by JOHN RIZZO at the 56th Street Cigar Store, 56th and 22nd Ave., Kenosha, on every weekend night.

Informant said that this particular gambling site has continued to let a big play without any interruptions whatever from the local City of Kenosha law enforcement which makes no effort to interfere.

☐ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGARerep of SA WILLIAM F. HIGGINS, JR., 6/19/62 at
Milwaukee.Several subscribers to telephones in Waukegan and
Zion, Ill., who were called by the subject, have been identi-
fied.[redacted] will be forwarded to Milwaukee
on appropriate FD-302 when investigation is completed.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 23, 1952

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

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TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY jah
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REFERENCE

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

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Date: 11/23/62

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

MI T-2 advised RIZZO's gambling site in Kenosha is still operating its craps and poker game. MI T-1 advises Subject COVELLI is still with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO at Kenosha with gambling running from Friday night through Sundays [REDACTED]. T-1 also said two BALISTRERI men had been recently to Kenosha to put the "heat" on any other competition with RIZZO's gambling game.

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DETAILS:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On September 21, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWY that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO has re-opened a horse book in Racine, Wisconsin and has an individual operating the "book" for him and also that RIZZO is still operating his craps and poker games in Kenosha and is not worried about any raids by the local police department. Informant did not know the telephone number or location of the book in Racine at this time.

On September 21, 1962, MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that in connection with RIZZO's gambling site in Kenosha, he is still operating his craps game there and is also booking from his gambling place in Kenosha as well as running a book out of Racine.

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On October 12, 1962, MI T-2 was recontacted by SA GASSAWAY, but no additional information was available regarding Subject COVELLI or JOHN RIZZO both at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 16, 1962, MI T-1 advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., that he had learned through his own sources that the City of Kenosha is completely under control of the BALISTRIERI group and two BALISTRIERI men had been recently down to Kenosha from Milwaukee to put the "heat" on any competitors of RIZZO's gambling setup there.

MI T-1 also stated RIZZO and COVELLI are still very active in craps and poker games at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays [redacted] but no information has been received that they are attempting to open any new place in Kenosha and he doubted that they were as they would have no reason to do so. MI T-1 said he has not heard RIZZO enlarged his book operation recently, but RIZZO always did have one operating in relation to "large lay-offs" from local gamblers in Kenosha, but that in the event he is expanding in Racine, a logical associate would be a DAVID SHERT, as both have been close associates for years.

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MI T-1 also advised "WEISER", COVELLI's brother, JEFF COVELLI, is definitely out of the picture at RIZZO's gambling spot and is busted financially.

MI T-1 also advised the old time local gamblers in Kenosha and [redacted] there as well, are getting more bold seeing so much wage money passing around by American Motors Corp. with nobody bothering RIZZO's gambling operation and it may be for this reason that BALISTRIERI has sent some of his "toughs" down to Kenosha to put a stop to any growing competition with RIZZO's gambling games there.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 23, 1962

Title

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference

Report of SA WILLIAM J.
HIGGINS, Jr., dated and
captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

DATE: 11/19/62

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (162-277) (RUC)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

Re report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr. dated
6/19/62 at Milwaukee.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are twenty (20) copies
of a FD-302 concerning [redacted]
at Waukegan and Zion, Illinois, and twenty (20) copies
of an investigative insert by SA O. ARTHUR GRAN concern-
ing investigation at Waukegan and Zion, Illinois.

It is noted that telephone number [redacted]
has previously been determined to be the number of
[redacted] Waukegan, operated by [redacted]
who lives in Konosha, Wisconsin.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 11/27/62

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FROM : SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

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SUBJECT:

Dates of Contact		11/16/62
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka IGA		162-49 (Higgins)
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR		92-164 (Higgins)
FRANK PETER BALISTRERI, aka AR		94-316 (Holtzman)
CIP		92-145 (Knickrehm)
IGA		162-1 (Thompson)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ Negative

Informant advised he had learned thru his own sources out of that the City of Kenosha is completely under control of the FRANK BALISTRERI group in Milwaukee and that two BALISTRERI men had been recently down to Kenosha to put the "heat" on as to any competitors of the JOHN RIZZO "craps" gambling operation there.

Informant said that has been trying hard for some time to get back into the gambling picture in Kenosha and is supposed to have

Informant added that RIZZO and BILL "WEISER" COVELLI are still very active in their "craps" and poker gambling games at 2207 56th St., Kenosha, on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays nights Informant said he has not heard of their opening a second place in Kenosha, and doubts this has been done as they would have no reason to do so. Informant also said he has not heard that RIZZO has enlarged his "book" operation at Racine

☐ Security Informant certified that he had furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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but RIZZO always has had one there usually handling "large layoffs" from the local gamblers in Kenosha and Racine. If he is expanding in Racine, his logical associate would be DAVE SHEFT as both have been close for years and SHEFT for a while was even at RIZZO'S place in Kenosha until pressure was put on him to put in local Kenosha men.

Informant stated "WEISER" COVELLI's brother, "JEFF" COVELLI, is definitely out of the picture at RIZZO'S gambling site in Kenosha, and "Jeff" is broke financially.

Informant also said that [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Kenosha, has been given full control of the operations at that address and is responsible alone for any developments that occur at that location, and this has been true for some several months.

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Informant also said that the "old-time" local gamblers, some of whom are [REDACTED] in Kenosha, are getting more bold, and since they see so much American Motors wage monies passing around in Kenosha with nobody bothering such gamblers as BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, have therefore themselves been lining up some local gambling connections and it may be for this reason that the BALISTRERI men visited Kenosha to attempt put a stop to this growing competition with RIZZO'S games.

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SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR

A copy of the FD 302 of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., dated 11/30/62, relating to interview of [redacted] on 11/20/62 at Kenosha, Wis., is being assigned to the files indicated below for information and background on pertinent criminal and racket activities in Wisconsin.

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[redacted] Records Office, Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, advised he had taped an interview conducted with [redacted] born [redacted] at Kenosha, Wisconsin, who is an.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] of his own accord volunteered to have his story taped regarding his knowledge of gambling activities in the Kenosha area and also of his knowledge of existing fraudulent practices being employed by certain individuals in the city of Kenosha. [redacted]

[redacted] made temporarily available the tape recording he had conducted on November 14, 1962 of interview with [redacted] in which the following information was set forth.

[redacted] advised that, [redacted] thereafter renewed acquaintances with such individuals as [redacted] a bookie, [redacted] a bookie and gambler, [redacted] a bookie and gambler. BILL "WEISER" COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] He said he [redacted] for JOHN RIZZO, [redacted]

[redacted] added that he [redacted]

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and also for [redacted] in Kenosha.

[redacted] stated that on January 5, 1961 he was

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[redacted] stated [redacted]
[redacted] from the above mentioned individuals while he was
at [redacted] and furnished
them to [redacted] He advised that [redacted]
of [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] which are not known even to [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'
Weight	185-195

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] home in Kenosha but is in heavy debt due to horse bet gambling to three gamblers in Kenosha.

2. [REDACTED] advised that another individual who uses [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] who runs [REDACTED] Kenosha. telephone [REDACTED] and this is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] generally lays off bets with JOHN RIZZO and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] brother, and [REDACTED] bets with [REDACTED]

3. Another gambler who [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] onerator of [REDACTED] Kenosha. [REDACTED] but is really acting as [REDACTED] who is in the background on this and a number of other [REDACTED] in Kenosha. [REDACTED] is in heavy debt on gambling and takes horse bets and engages in sports parley cards but has a bad reputation as [REDACTED] in Kenosha. In regard to the

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[REDACTED] There is a pay telephone located [REDACTED] towards the front of the first floor area off of the elevator and just beyond the doorway of [REDACTED] which pay phone is used for calling in bets or making outside calls on betting operations.

[REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Kenosha, [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] of many years in that location which was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] runs the poker games during the late afternoons and early evenings, and RIZZO has the craps table in the other room, which is usually run by RIZZO on Wednesday evenings but, if there is reason to operate this craps game on Friday and Saturday nights, RIZZO has [REDACTED] [REDACTED] handle these for him at [REDACTED] while he is operating his own big game at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha.

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[redacted] added that [redacted] comes from [redacted]
[redacted] who is a partner of [redacted] in this establishment.

[redacted] stated that, while [redacted]
[redacted] were operating on at least
two separate week-ends, and on one of these occasions,
while [redacted] was at [redacted]
[redacted] of the Kenosha Police Department, came in and
sat beside him [redacted]
[redacted] At the time [redacted]
was at [redacted]
[redacted] was at the poker
game.

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[redacted] advised that JOHN RIZZO, who is a
partner with WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI, was convicted of
gambling in Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois, believed near
Highwood, Illinois, and then went to St. Louis, Missouri for
a short time before going to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to work
for FRANK BALISTRERI for 2 years and then came to Kenosha.
RIZZO's arrest in Illinois for gambling was not under the
name of RIZZO but used another last name which is known to
[redacted] who owns and operates [redacted]
[redacted] Waukegan, Illinois, where
[redacted] is well known as a gambler in horse bets and all
sporting events. [redacted] address is recalled as [redacted]
[redacted] Waukegan. telephone [redacted]
and unlisted telephone [redacted] used for horse betting.
[redacted] stated that [redacted] mentioned the name that JOHN
RIZZO was arrested under in or near Highwood, Illinois,
but [redacted] could not recall it at this time.

[redacted] later explained orally that [redacted]
[redacted] of Waukegan, and [redacted] of Kenosha, are
close to one another and exchange bets and, in addition,
a [redacted] both of Kenosha. are
backing [redacted] in his gambling operation at [redacted]
[redacted] in Waukegan.

6. [redacted] stated that [redacted] of Kenosha,

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once worked for [redacted] also with [redacted] and [redacted] all of whom were and are known as prominent gamblers in the city of Kenosha. [redacted] also ran [redacted] had the [redacted] in Kenosha, which [redacted] and now has a new place on [redacted] located in back of [redacted] on which [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] new place is [redacted] and has a downstairs room of about 22 feet by 40 feet with a cocktail lounge, two fireplaces and separate men's and women's toilets, all in the basement of that building.

[redacted] also has three different exits from the basement area and access to the basement area is only by key holders. Although this place has been open only three months, all the Kenosha gamblers utilize it, such as

JOHN RIZZO, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the public formal eating area is upstairs above this basement section, and the [redacted]

7. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is another gambler, known by the name of [redacted] and is former [redacted] at the [redacted] in Kenosha and now works with JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] and "WEISER" COVELLI in gambling operations in Kenosha.

After [redacted] left the [redacted] in Kenosha, he took over operation of [redacted] known as [redacted] located in [redacted]

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[redacted] Kenosha, [redacted] and there associated closely with [redacted] both of whom ran his cards and handled the horse race betting and distributing of parlay cards on sporting events.

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[redacted] then went to [redacted] after leaving [redacted] and now has [redacted] Kenosha, telephone [redacted] where he handles all sporting event bets.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] another hood, is owner and proprietor of [redacted] Kenosha, telephone [redacted] is known to deal is receiving stolen goods, handling repossessed articles of all types and of being able to dispose of them. [redacted] does not handle any book or permit gambling in his place but other gamblers in Kenosha do use his upstairs area for vice activities, and he has [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] operates the [redacted] Kenosha, [redacted] also works at [redacted] and is active in [redacted] in Kenosha. [redacted] is well known in gambling circles in Kenosha as a bookie and gambler out of [redacted] His accomplice is [redacted] a top man in vice activities in Kenosha, who works out of the [redacted] in conjunction with these vice operations.

[redacted] identified [redacted] as operator and owner of [redacted] is a well known gambler in Kenosha, and he is associated with [redacted] for "booking" in the past three years and getting bets and information into and out of Wisconsin on race wire, in the past.

[redacted] has handled "book" at the [redacted]

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[redacted] where he had [redacted]
[redacted] where he had [redacted] and at [redacted]
where he also had [redacted] In those places
where it was indicated [redacted]
[redacted] with RIZZO and COVELLI.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] in gambling at Kenosha until RIZZO and "WEISER" COVELLI
stepped into the picture and, when this happened, these four
individuals sectioned off areas in Kenosha for their own
respective operations. [redacted] is a straight book-
maker and has [redacted]

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[redacted] works at [redacted] at Zion,
Illinois and is well known in Kenosha for handling of
parlay cards in factories in this whole area, [redacted]

[redacted] also set forth the information known
by him regarding the following individuals, all of whom
are known gamblers in Kenosha.

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of the [redacted] is [redacted] and goes to
most of the downtown places, such as [redacted] the

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[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] is known to handle "hot" articles as diamonds, jewelry, wrist watches and so forth. and also now handles book and [redacted] for [redacted] also has [redacted] on the south-west corner and is also known to have [redacted] for certain bookies and gamblers in the Kenosha area and for those gamblers coming into the Kenosha area. [redacted] is also well known and has been brought into court for [redacted] and also for receiving stolen property. He formerly [redacted] when at [redacted] and was involved in thefts while employed at [redacted] in Kenosha.

[redacted] of the [redacted] is a well known bookie and much in debt to JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI and has taken up making "book" at [redacted] on the north side of Kenosha.

[redacted] is of [redacted] Illinois. where he is a [redacted] and partner in the [redacted] there. Also, he has [redacted] plus [redacted] located diagonally across the street from [redacted] Illinois. [redacted] is heavily in debt to RIZZO and BILL COVELLI and also to gamblers out of [redacted] in Zion, Illinois from losses in craps and "26" dice games and poker.

[redacted] is a well known local gamblers and [redacted] where he now runs his own [redacted] is an old time west side hoodlum, [redacted] and close contact and friend of JOHN RIZZO. BILL COVELLI and very close to [redacted] of the Kenosha Police Department.

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[redacted] is a cousin of [redacted] and now heavily in debt to gamblers in Kenosha. [redacted] was formerly manager of the [redacted] in Kenosha but lost out due to fund shortages. [redacted] then started [redacted] and lost out there for [redacted]. He then became a partner in [redacted] in Kenosha for six to eight months but again lost out [redacted] is now [redacted] Waukegan, Illinois in gambling activities relating to craps and dice games and, during the day time, he handles horse bets in the Kenosha area.

[redacted] is a well known Kenosha man who usually in company with [redacted] a well known bookie in Kenosha. [redacted] in Kenosha is run by [redacted] and is one of these established by [redacted] and [redacted] and from which horse book bets are made. There is also an [redacted] located at [redacted]. One of their operations where they have unlisted telephone numbers and where booking is done is located on [redacted] on the southeast corner. Owner of the building itself is [redacted].

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[redacted] and very close to JOHN RIZZO. They are also close to FRANK BALISTRIERI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The [redacted] are gamblers and were with FRANK BALISTRIERI before RIZZO came to Kenosha. The [redacted] were close to FRANK BALISTRIERI at [redacted] in Milwaukee. all of which were operated by FRANK BALISTRIERI. [redacted] added that the [redacted] are not now working or operating with FRANK BALISTRIERI in gambling or vice but do have [redacted] with FRANK BALISTRIERI in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, the address of which is not known to [redacted].

[redacted] said that a name associated with the

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[redacted] and FRANK BALISTRIERI is [redacted] of the [redacted] in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. where an investment was made in some sort of a [redacted] and this was at the time [redacted] was employed with [redacted] in Wauwatosa and recalls these names arose then. [redacted] added that the present connections between the brothers and FRANK BALISTRIERI are not known. but the connections were close in the past because [redacted] saw them at [redacted] in Milwaukee with BALISTRIERI.

[redacted] stated that the [redacted] were arrested in Milwaukee. along with a [redacted] (phonetic), who was [redacted] in Milwaukee for FRANK BALISTRIERI. [redacted] at the [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that attorney [redacted] of Franksville, Wisconsin, was affiliated in some way with JOHN RIZZO but exactly how could not be recalled by [redacted] It was not known whether or not [redacted] ever acted as an attorney for RIZZO or FRANK BALISTRIERI but [redacted] did act as an attorney for [redacted] of the [redacted] telephone [redacted] in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Also, RIZZO and BALISTRIERI borrowed money from [redacted]

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two concerns cannot now be recalled by [REDACTED]
name definitely appeared as the attorney who [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for both JOHN RIZZO and
FRANK BALISTRIERI from [REDACTED]
of the [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee

DATE: 1/16/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. CASSAWAY

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SUBJECT:

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Dates of Contact		1/11/63 and 1/13/63 by SAs CASSAWAY and KNICKREHM	
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
ANTHONY BIERNAT, aka MISSING PERSON	79-56	HIGGINS	
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN	
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN	
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO, AR	92-165	KNICKREHM	
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164	HIGGINS	
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA-WS	162-49	HIGGINS	
Purpose and results of contact	THE CRIMINAL COMMISSION		
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative	IGA	92-262	THOMPSON
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	CIP	162-1	THOMPSON
		92-145	THOMPSON
<p>On 1/11/63, informant was questioned concerning the possible killing or kidnapping of ANTHONY BIERNAT at Kenosha on the night of 1/7/63 and was questioned as to his whereabouts at the time. Informant stated that he did not know ANTHONY BIERNAT and had never seen the individual. When informant was told that BIERNAT was in the jukebox business at Kenosha, informant stated that it was very possible that BIERNAT was treading on WILLIAM COVELLI's toes or FRANK BALISTRIERI's, as both of them are in the jukebox business. He pointed out that WILLIAM COVELLI is also a partner of JOHNNY RIZZO in the latter's crap game in Kenosha, that FRANK BALISTRIERI has an interest in this game and also may very possibly have an interest in COVELLI's jukebox business. Informant said that it is very possible that BIERNAT may have been "hit"</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.			
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by the Milwaukee outfit, or they may not have killed him but may be holding him in some farm house or other out-of-the-way place until BERNAT agrees to whatever demands they might make to get a cut in his jukebox business. Informant pointed out that on the previous Friday, January 4, he had advised that JOHNNY RIZZO of Kenosha had contacted STEVE DE SALVO and JOE CURRA in Milwaukee during the week of December 24, 1932.

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[redacted] He had also advised on the previous Friday, 1/4/63, that RIZZO, his partner BILL COYNE, and "AL," who works at RIZZO's crap game in Kenosha, had come to Milwaukee and met STEVE DE SALVO and JOE CURRA supposedly to [redacted] but it may have very possibly had something to do with ANTHONY BERNAT. Informant also pointed out that on 1/4/63 he furnished information that JOE CURRA had just recently [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] which he [redacted] He said that this might have some connection with the BERNAT case.

In regards to his own activities, on 1/7/63, informant, after thinking the matter over carefully and reviewing his activities during the week, said that on the night of 1/7/63, around 5:00 PM, that [redacted]

[redacted] Informant stated that he is absolutely certain that this occurred on the night of 1/7/63, and he knows that the next morning [redacted]

[redacted] Informant stated he definitely was not in Kenosha on Monday night and that he did not hear STEVE DE SALVO or JOE CURRA discuss any possible "hit" in that town. He advised that if he can obtain any information he will immediately notify this office.

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On 1/13/63, informant telephonically advised that he had learned that JIMMY RIZZO has a big piece of CORNELIUS's jukebox business and also owns a big piece of a jukebox business in Racine, Wisconsin. He said that on Saturday, January 13, he talked to [redacted] and earlier their conversation asked [redacted] and he said that it was on the morning of Tuesday, January 8, 1963. Informant then remarked to [redacted]

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[redacted]
in Milwaukee. Informant said that he is absolutely certain that it was Monday night that [redacted]

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Informant said that there has been no discussion among the hoodlums in Milwaukee concerning the JIMMY RIZZO case. He was questioned as to whether or not it might possibly have been [redacted] the night [redacted] have pulled the job. He said that he is quite certain that this could not be true as JIM CORNELIUS would not [redacted] into such an affair. He said that JIM has [redacted] working in a legitimate business and is anxious to keep them clean.

On 1/13/63, informant also advised that evidently JIMMY RIZZO and BILL CORNELIUS are not too concerned over the RIZZO incident as they ran their crap game at Kenosha as usual on Friday night, January 11.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

Milwaukee

DATE: 1/25/63

FROM : SA

JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT:

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<p>Informant advised that he has heard nothing more on the disappearance of ANTHONY BIERNAT that is really concrete. He said that he has heard the rumors that the outfit in Milwaukee wanted to take over BIERNAT's jukebox business and that they are planning to take over everything in Kenosha and Racine.</p> <p>In regards to an "AL" who came to Milwaukee with JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI a couple of weeks ago and had a conference with STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA, informant said that AL works for RIZZO in the latter's crap game in Kenosha, is an Italian around 60 years of age, tall and</p>	
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HE [REDACTED]

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thin with gray hair and wears glasses. He does not know his last name but will endeavor to ascertain it.

Informant also advised that in the conversation with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that he does not know whether [REDACTED] actually knew anything concerning DIAMANT's disappearance or whether this was merely conjecture on his part.

Informant advised that JOE CUNHA, STEVE DE CALVO and DUSTIN DALESKINE have been staying home the majority of the time [REDACTED]

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In regards to [REDACTED] informant said that he has not seen this individual in Milwaukee for at least two weeks. He believes that he disappeared approximately a week before the disappearance of ANTHONY DIAMANT.

Informant also said that JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI have been in the jukebox business for several years and that they also have a piece of an import and export business with an individual by the last name of [REDACTED] of Kenosha.

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1/29/63

SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, aka
MISSING PERSON

[redacted] Sixth Precinct, Milwaukee
PD, advised as follows at 10:30 P.M., 1/28/63:

He stated that he had just returned from an
interview with his informant and that the informant told him
that [redacted] was definitely the fireman in the killing
of BIERNAT. He stated that [redacted] sometime during
the last part of December, 1962. He further advised that

[redacted]
in an area close to where BIERNAT's body was found. [redacted]
suspected that the informant meant that [redacted]
in the farmhouse where BIERNAT's body was found.

[redacted] stated that according to the informant,
information has been received by the hoodlum element here in
Milwaukee that within the past few days police squads have
been seen close to the scene where the body was found.

[redacted] theorized that someone closely connected with the
syndicate must be in a position to observe the farmhouse
where BIERNAT's body was found since he was able to notice
squads in the immediate area. He suspects that maybe there
is a tavern or private residence in the adjacent area and that
someone in these establishments might be watching the house
for the syndicate.

[redacted] stated that the informant mentioned two
names to him. One was the name of [redacted] (Phonetic) and the
other is [redacted] (Phonetic) or [redacted] (Phonetic) who is
known as [redacted] and is a close friend of [redacted]. Both are
reportedly from the Kenosha area. [redacted] stated he doesn't
know the significance of the informant's mentioning these
two names but requested that an attempt to identify these two

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1 - 94-316 (FRANK BALISTRIERI -
SA HOLTZMAN)

1 - 92-145 (SA THOMPSON)
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individuals be made and advise him, [redacted] as to their background so that he could recontact informant and interview him about these two individuals. [redacted] stated that according to the informant, some law enforcement agency in Kenosha has been showing mug shots to witnesses and other individuals in Kenosha and that among these pictures is a picture of at least one of the individuals responsible for BIERNAT's death. [redacted] requested that, if a list of names of people whose photographs are being shown could be obtained, he might then discuss this list with the informant and might come up with a definite name as to who the individual is who participated in BIERNAT's death. [redacted] requested pictures of [redacted] and theorized that informant may have mentioned these two names thinking that these two individuals may have been responsible for BIERNAT's death.

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[redacted] advised that the informant and the people he is getting his information from were quite worried on 1/23/63 after they heard that some law enforcement officers were having a conference in DOMINIC PRINZI's house with STEVE DI SALVO. He advised that they were worried about this feeling that some type of deal might be made and the source of this information thus established. [redacted] advised that AUGIE MANIACI is definitely scared and has someone from out of town living with him in his house as a body guard. He advised that MANIACI won't even leave the house.

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[redacted] advised that he mentioned the figure of [redacted] to the informant and stated that he was sure he could get this amount for the informant for definite information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the individuals responsible for BIERNAT's death. [redacted] advised, however, that while the informant was receptive to the idea, he seemed to be more receptive to making a deal whereby [redacted]

[redacted] for definite information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible for BIERNAT's death. [redacted] stated that he made it crystal clear to the informant that any money or favors given to

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the informant or [] would be contingent upon information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for BIERNAT's death. [] stated he would keep in contact with the informant and would keep this office advised as to future contact.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 1-28-63

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FROM : SA L. Grey Brockman

☐ CI

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☐ PSI

SUBJECT: [redacted]

PCI

Dates of Contact

1-28-63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

Anthony J. Biernat, aka- Missing Person

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Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

PCI said he would consider one Weezer (ph) Covelli a possible suspect in the disappearance of Anthony Biernat. PCI said Covelli's father used to work for the Capone gang during the 1930's and was killed in Kenosha many years ago. PCI said Covelli was supposed to have been an officer in the US Army during WW II. PCI said Covelli has been active in gambling activities in Kenosha since World War II and that he is a good friend of [redacted]

[redacted] PCI said Covelli hangs out at [redacted] quite often [redacted] there with [redacted] Phone [redacted] a lot of the time and [redacted] PCI said Covelli has also been [redacted] on occasion. PCI said Covelli is extremely active in the Kenosha gambling picture, that [redacted] knows gambling is going on there and that in his opinion he feels sure [redacted] is being paid off. PCI said Covelli knows just about everything going on in the Italian element around Kenosha. PCI said Covelli has been said the one

☒ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating:

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you must contact if you plan on opening a gambling joint in Kenosha and hope to stay in business. PCI said [redacted]

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PCI said Covelli will do anything to make money. PCI could furnish no positive information relating Covelli to the Biernat case but said Covelli most likely would know something about this matter if he is not directly involved himself.

PCI said [redacted] (ph) is another Italian who possibly could be considered a suspect in the Biernat case or one who would know something about it. PCI said [redacted] is an Italian, about [redacted] years old, heavy set, who operates the [redacted] in Waukegan, Ill. and who is a "hood". PCI said he thinks [redacted] has [redacted] PCI said [redacted]

PCI said [redacted] works at [redacted] that she is [redacted] years old, looks younger, that she appears to be white, has red hair and is one who knows [redacted] business. PCI said [redacted] and one [redacted] (ph) operate [redacted] in Kenosha, but he understands [redacted] owns the business. PCI said [redacted] LNU, who operates [redacted] in Kenosha. PCI could furnish no other info. re [redacted] other than to say he also knows what's going on in Kenosha among the hoodlum and Italian element.

PCI said one [redacted] (ph) is another person who may know something about the Biernat case. PCI said [redacted] is originally from North Chicago, is about [redacted] years old and now lives around Kenosha. PCI said [redacted] is a gambler, has run crap games and has or still may have either a juke box business, pin ball machine business or vending machine business. PCI said [redacted] supposedly was arrested during 1962 for gambling by the Kenosha PD. PCI said [redacted] always has ~~xxxx~~ slot of money with him. PCI said [redacted] knows the hoodlum element in and around Kenosha and could very well know something about the Biernat case.

Relating to Covelli, PCI said Covelli is a professional gambler and race track bookie. PCI said Covelli is supposed to be pretty sharp at gambling but that sometime ago he was gambling at a game run by Covelli, that he slipped some crooked dice into the game and won quite a lot of money without Covelli overy noticing the crooked dice.

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PCI was of the opinion that the FBI would not receive full cooperation from the Kenosha PD in the Biernat case inasmuch as he states the Kenosha PD is "paid off" by gamblers and small time hoods. PCI could furnish no further info. re instant matter. The above is being furnished for information and for any action deemed necessary.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 1/31/63

FROM : SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact

12/31/62, 1/12/63

Titles and File #s on which contacted

WILLIAM C. COVELLI, IGA

162-49 (HIGGINS)

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR

92-164 (HIGGINS)

ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, MISSING PERSON-MURDER

79-56 (HOLTZMAN)

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE

☒ POSITIVE

On 12/31/62 informant advised that RIZZO's "Crap" game and poker gambling games are still operating regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Informant said that none of the gamblers that attend the sessions are from Illinois, but are from Milwaukee and southeast Wisconsin area as the Illinois gamblers want no part of going to Wisconsin.

On 1/12/63 informant said he has heard nothing on the BIERNAT disappearance from any talk in Illinois but that Milwaukee's BALISTRIERI mob have long moved into Kenosha on the gambling and the next lucrative field of action would have been jukes and pin ball operations. Informant said attempts would be made to learn any further information and be alert to any data heard thereon.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating

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Coverage

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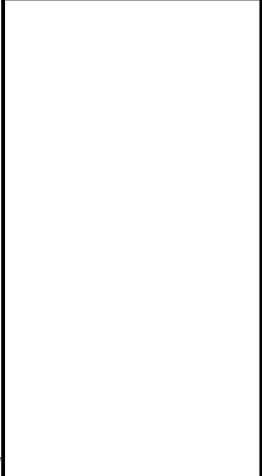
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REGULAR MAIL

To: SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)
From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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Re Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 11/10/62.

The following telephone toll calls for the period from 12/19/61 to 10/17/62 were charged to Olympic 2-1390, listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin:

Chicago		11/29/61; 1/5, 2/9, 5/3/62
		8/16, 9/4/62
		6/14, 7/2, 8/31/62
Waukegan, Ill.		2/1, 9/15/62
		3/21, 6/27/62
Lake Zurich, Ill.		2/2/62
Arlington Hts., Ill.		2/26, 4/14/62

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Peotono, Ill.

Storling, Ill.

Waukegan, Ill.

Collect from Chicago

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10/5/62

9/11, 12/62

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The Chicago Office is requested to identify the foregoing subscribers and determine whether those subscribers are known to be associated with the hoodlum element or are known to be hoodlums themselves.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

To: SAC, Milwaukee [redacted]
From: SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM
Subject: [redacted]

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On 2/1/63, informant was questioned as to the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT. He advised that he has no new information and that there is very little talk about it. He stated that BILL COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO have been coming to Milwaukee

[redacted] He advised that on the night that the Harlem Globetrotters were in town, which he recalls was about 1/3/63, that BILL COVELLI, JOHNNY RIZZO and AL (LNU), (AL ALBANA aka CADILLAC AL), went to the ball game with JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He described AL as being about 60 years of age, 6' tall, thin build, black hair, graying, gravel voice and a doorman at RIZZO's in Kenosha. He stated that wherever COVELLI and RIZZO go AL goes with them. He advised that AL is a former bootlegger. [redacted]

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1-92-257 JOE GURERA--HOLTZMAN Higgins
1-94-316 FRANK BALISTRIERI--HOLTZMAN 1-92-164 JOHN RIZZO--
1-92-165 STEVE DE SALVO--KNICKREHM Higgins
1-92-166 BUSTER BALESTRERE--KNICKREHM 1-92-57 WALTER BROCCA--
1-92-145 CIP--THOMPSON KNICKREHM
1-92-262 CRIMINAL COMMISSION--THOMPSON 1-94-318 AUGIE MANIACI--
1-92-227 [redacted]--KNICKREHM THOMPSON
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In recalling circumstances leading up to the abduction and murder of BIERNAT, informant recalls that sometime during the month of December, about two or three weeks before BIERNAT was killed, he had a general conversation with JOE GURERA at

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Informant stated he had no concrete information as to who the individuals were who were responsible for BIERNAT's death, but the following individuals were discussed and their potential given:

BUSTER BALESTRERE--He considers BUSTER a good suspect and stated that BUSTER is a sadist. He advised that BUSTER enjoys seeing an individual tortured.

FRANCIS STELLOH--Advised that "his eyes light up when a killing is mentioned." He stated that when reading in the paper of the white Thunderbird, which was supposed to have been seen at the scene of the murder, this could very possibly have been STELLOH.

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STEVE DE SALVO--He considers STEVE DE SALVO a good suspect and advised that DE SALVO is a vicious man fully capable of committing such a crime. He noted that STEVE has been seen at times driving a white Falcon auto; it is not owned by him. He advised he does not know whom this car belongs to.

[REDACTED]--Capable of having done it, although he is quite sick these days and does not believe he would have been in on the murder. Very close friend of AUGIE MANIACI.

JOE GURERA--Capable of having done it, although not the type to do it. Believes he is the one that gave the go-ahead on it. May have been on the scene to see that the job was done.

WALTER BLACKIE BROCCA--Capable of having done it and after having read in the paper that cement was purchased to seal off the wall to the grave and that a white pickup truck was seen at the scene of the murder, he feels BLACKIE very probably was there inasmuch as BLACKIE does have a very light blue pickup truck and is a mason by trade. He advised that BLACKIE is also a very close friend of AUGIE MANIACI.

AUGIE MANIACI--Capable of having done it but doesn't believe he would.

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JOHNNY RIZZO--Not the type; doesn't believe he would commit murder. When questioned if it is possible he might have been the finger man, he said, Yes, that would be something that RIZZO could and would do.

AL (LNU), (ALBANA)--Capable of having done it.

Informant advised that the nickname [REDACTED] was familiar to him and that he has heard it used as a nickname of several people but could not recall specifically on whom he heard the name used. When questioned as to whether or not he knew DOMINIC PRINCIPE, he stated the name was not familiar to him and inquired as to whether or not it could be [REDACTED]. He stated that [REDACTED] was from either Waukegan, Ill., or Highwood, Ill. He advised that [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] years of age, was in the slot machine business at one time and reportedly has an interest in a bingo game in Waukegan. When questioned as to which doctor would be used to give medical attention to one of the subjects involved if he was hurt as bad as it is rumored, he said that this would be beyond a doubt [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He was questioned as to whether [REDACTED] who it is rumored is deeply in debt to the outfit, might give medical attention, and he replied that he didn't think so.

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He advised that [REDACTED] is very likely to get "hit" especially if he doesn't quit shooting off his mouth and advising that he is going to bring back from Florida reinforcements in order to combat the outfit.

The informant was requested to attempt to pick up information as to the actual participants in this murder.

In a general conversation regarding AUGIE MANIACI, he was asked as to who were MANIACI's closest and most trusted friends. He replied that they would be [REDACTED] WALTER BROCCA and FRANK LA GALBO.

Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

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February 12, 1963.

**WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING
ACTIVITIES**

III T-1 is a source closely acquainted with the various members of the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin for many years.

III T-2 is [redacted] who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

III T-5 is [redacted] who is personally acquainted with a number of individuals in the gambling element in Kenosha, Wisconsin and is aware of their current illegal activities in that area.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 2/12/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/26/62 - 2/3/63
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.	TYPED BY eak
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCE

Chicago letter to Milwaukee 11/19/62 (IO).
 Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 11/23/62, Milwaukee.
 Milwaukee letter to Chicago 1/31/63 (IO).

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (2):

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

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At Racine, Wis.

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as set forth in this report and conduct appropriate

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credit and criminal checks to ascertain these individuals' backgrounds and evaluate whether involved in gambling activities with Subject. [redacted]

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At Milwaukee, Wis.

Will similarly as set forth in above lead for Racine ascertain identities of [redacted]

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At Eau Claire, Wis. [redacted]

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Will likewise identify [redacted]

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At Kenosha, Wis. - *Kenosha*

Will continue efforts to identify Subject as being involved in gambling and other racket activities with view to ascertaining whether engaged in violation of laws of US Government.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted at Chicago and Waukegan, Ill. on 10/26/62, results of which were not available for inclusion in rerep.

In connection with mention set forth in this report of Subject WILLIAM COVELLI, aka "WEISER" or "WHEEZER," with the "BIERNAT" case, it is to be noted this pertains to the current investigation being conducted by the Milwaukee Office of case entitled, "ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, aka, MISSING PERSON - MURDER," OO Milwaukee, MI file 79-56, Bufile 95-107526. In regard to this case, BIERNAT, who was a local juke box operator of only moderate means in Kenosha, Wis., was forcefully abducted at about 10:15 PM on 1/7/63 in Kenosha by three unidentified assailants and

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subsequently found buried in lime in a shallow grave at the abandoned Bong AFB, Kenosha County, Wis., on late evening of 1/28/63. Cause of death was attributed to at least three severe blows to the top, back and right rear of BIERNAT's head, possibly occurring at about midnight, 1/7/63, at the site where found buried.

Information regarding [redacted]
set forth in this report [redacted]

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[redacted] was furnished on 11/14/62 to SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD by [redacted]

Information regarding [redacted]

[redacted] set forth in this report was furnished 11/7/62 by [redacted]
[redacted] to IC FRANCIS G. KAHL and relates to [redacted]
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INFORMANTS

Identity

MI T-1 is [redacted]

MI T-2 is [redacted]

MI T-5 is [redacted]

PCI,

Location

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Office: MILWAUKEE
Date: 2/12/63

Field Office File No.: MI 162-49 Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

Results of [redacted] obtained. Identities of [redacted] set forth. [redacted] of Kenosha, [redacted]

[redacted] alleged Subject active in horse book and sports gambling, as well as being involved with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in craps and poker games, and that Subject is one of top four horse book operators in Kenosha. MI T-2 advised Subject has moved into juke box business in Kenosha, in which BALISTRIERI mob of Milwaukee may have a part interest. On 1/4/63 MI T-2 advised that Subject, RIZZO and a man named "AL" met STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA in Milwaukee, which may have related to abduction of ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, a juke box operator at Kenosha on night of 1/7/63. MI T-2 also advised Subject and RIZZO ran their craps game at Kenosha on night of 1/11/63. MI T-5 advised COVELLI is good suspect in BIERNAT case, being very close to [redacted] and [redacted] is one to contact if desire had to operate gambling in Kenosha. MI T-5 also feels sure that [redacted] is being paid off.

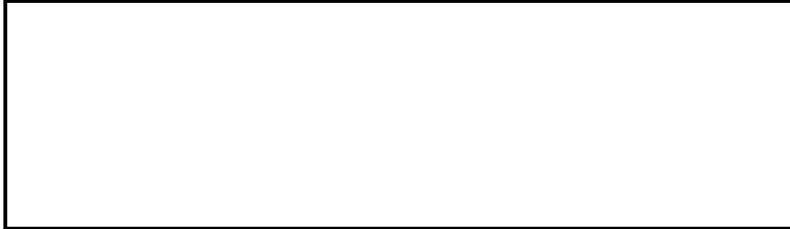
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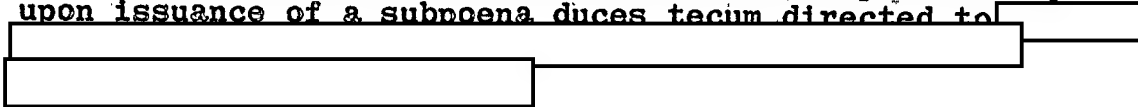
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The above information can be made public only
upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to



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AT WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

The following investigation was conducted by
SA O. ARTHUR GRAN:

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Waukegan-North
Chicago, on October 26, 1962, made available records
concerning the following individuals:

[redacted]

[redacted] was born in [redacted] and has been a
cabinet maker in the employ of [redacted]
[redacted] for the past nine years. There
is no derogatory information in Credit
Bureau files.

PRESTON BARRETT

BARRETT was born on August 28, 1919,
and resides at [redacted] Waukegan,
Illinois, with his wife [redacted] and
ten children. BARRETT is employed
as a polisher at Lindskog Mercury-Comet,
Inc., Libertyville, Illinois, and as a
minister for Church of God, 715 South
Genesee, Waukegan, Illinois. No
derogatory information is contained in
Credit Bureau files.

JAMES P. PHILLIPS

PHILLIPS was born on July 25, 1931 and
resides in [redacted]
[redacted] Great Lakes, Illinois, with wife,
[redacted] PHILLIPS is a Sergeant in

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the United States Marine Corps, Marine Serial No. 1091274, and has been in the Marine Corps for 12 years. No derogatory information was contained in Credit Bureau files.

ALFRED ROWAN

ROWAN was born on May 10, 1910, and resides with his wife, [redacted] at [redacted] Zion, Illinois. He has been employed as a guard at Abbott Laboratories, Waukegan, Illinois, since June 21, 1954. No derogatory information was found in Credit Bureau files.

[redacted]
[redacted] resides at [redacted] Waukegan, Illinois, and is a civilian employee at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. No derogatory information was contained in Credit Bureau files.

[redacted]
No record concerning [redacted] could be found in Credit Bureau files.

[redacted] Waukegan Police Department, Waukegan, Illinois, advised on October 29, 1962, that he could locate no record for the above listed individuals, and had no information that any of them were engaged in gambling activity.

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Credit Bureau and Waukegan Police Department records reflect that [redacted] Waukegan Police Department No. [redacted] born [redacted] was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon on [redacted] stabbing. [redacted] was last employed in 1955 as [redacted] at the [redacted]

[redacted] Lake County Sheriff's Office, advised on October 31, 1962, that his department had no record on the individuals, and no information that any of them are connected with gambling activities.

The Waukegan City directory lists [redacted] at [redacted] Waukegan, Illinois, as an employee of [redacted]

AT ZION, ILLINOIS

[redacted] Zion, Illinois, Police Department, advised on November 2, 1962, that his department had no record concerning ALFRED ROWAN.

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On November 19, 1962 the Chicago Office advised Milwaukee that telephone number [redacted] was ascertained previously as listed to [redacted] Waukegan, Illinois, operated by [redacted] of Kenosha, Wisconsin, [redacted] of Subject WILLIAM COVELLI.

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 9, 1962 [redacted] when interviewed by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., advised he was born [redacted] at Kenosha and was [redacted]

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[redacted] added that all of his life he has been closely associated with the Italian-American hoodlum element in Kenosha. knows them all intimately and [redacted]

[redacted] he was desirous of furnishing information in respect to the identities of gamblers and racketeers in Kenosha, which information he has learned through the years by association with most of these individuals.

[redacted] stated that one [redacted] of Kenosha, who has [redacted] Kenosha, telephone [redacted] is known as a consistent bettor and gambler, both in Waukegan, Illinois and Kenosha, Wisconsin, and hangs out at such places as the Vagabond Club, Chick's Bar, Zino's Bar, Chet's Sports Bar and Pete Zocchi's Bar on 44th Street and Sheridan Road, Kenosha.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] only for persons in whom he has complete trust, such as [redacted] and BILL COVELLI in the Kenosha area.

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[redacted] stated that one [redacted] who is owner and operator of [redacted] telephone [redacted] also has an interest in [redacted] at [redacted] Kenosha, [redacted] and is well known in Kenosha for his very heavy gambling and drinking. [redacted] said that [redacted] is particularly in debt for gambling to BILL COVELLI, [redacted]

[redacted] also advised that BILL COVELLI is very close as a life long friend to [redacted] of the Kenosha Police Department.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Date November 21, 1962

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obtained by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum issued to
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On 11-14-62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # 162-49
by SA(A) ALBERT G. MACDONALD/cef Date dictated 11-19-62

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AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On November 20, 1962 [redacted]
[redacted] Records Section, Kenosha County Sheriff's Office,
advised SA HIGGINS that on November 14, 1962 [redacted]

[redacted] voluntarily
taped an interview had with [redacted] regarding
gambling activities in Kenosha. In this interview, [redacted]
set out the following information.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] thereafter renewed his acquaintance with
such individuals as [redacted]
[redacted] a bookie, [redacted] a bookie
and gambler, [redacted] a bookie and gambler. BILL "WEISER"
COVELLI, JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] He
added that he [redacted]
[redacted]
of JOHN RIZZO, [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted] runs
[redacted] Kenosha, and lays off gambling
bets with JOHN RIZZO and [redacted] stated
that [redacted] runs a poker game at [redacted]
at [redacted] Kenosha, owned by [redacted]
and these poker games are usually operated on the late
afternoons and early evenings, and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO has
the craps table in an adjoining room next to [redacted] which
is usually run by RIZZO on Wednesday evening. He said,
however, that if there is reason to operate this craps game
on Friday and Saturday nights, RIZZO has [redacted] and
[redacted] handle these for him at [redacted] while he
is operating his own big game at 2207 56th Street, Kenosha.
[redacted] stated that, while [redacted]
[redacted] were operated on at least two separate
week-ends. He said that on one of these occasions while
he was at [redacted]
of the Kenosha Police Department, came in and sat beside

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[redacted]
[redacted] and he supplied the
[redacted] at this establishment.
[redacted] said that at the time [redacted] was at [redacted]
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[redacted] was at the poker game [redacted]
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[redacted] said that JOHN RIZZO, who is a partner of BILL COVELLI, was convicted of gambling in Lake and Cook Counties, Illinois, believed near Highwood, Illinois, several years ago under a fictitious name.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is another gambler who is former [redacted] of the [redacted] in Kenosha and now works with JOHN RIZZO, [redacted] and "WEISER" COVELLI in gambling operations in Kenosha. [redacted] now has the [redacted] Kenosha, telephone [redacted] where he handles all sporting events bets.

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[redacted] identified one [redacted] as associated with [redacted] and being well known gamblers in horse book operations in Kenosha. He said that [redacted] has handled the book at [redacted] where he had [redacted] where he also had [redacted] and at [redacted] where he also had [redacted] In regard to these [redacted] where [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] with JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] were "tops" in gambling at Kenosha until RIZZO and COVELLI stepped into the picture and, when this happened, these four individuals sectioned off areas in Kenosha for their own respective operations. [redacted] added that [redacted] Kenosha, [redacted]
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] of the [redacted] is a well known bookie and much in debt to JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI and has taken up making book at [redacted] on the north side of Kenosha. Another in debt to COVELLI and RIZZO is [redacted] Illinois, where he is [redacted] and partner in the [redacted] at [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a well known local gambler and [redacted] where he now runs [redacted] and is an old time west side hoodlum and very close personally to JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI. [redacted] said that [redacted] is likewise very close to [redacted] of the Kenosha Police Department.

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On December 31, 1962 MI T-1 advised that RIZZO's craps game and poker gambling games are still operating regularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of each week-end. Informant said that none of the gamblers that attend the sessions are from Illinois but are from Milwaukee and the southeastern part of Wisconsin, as the Illinois gamblers want no part of going into Wisconsin.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On January 11, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that, in respect to ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, a juke box operator at Kenosha who was abducted forcibly by three assailants at approximately 10:15 PM on January 7, 1963, it was very possible that BIERNAT was treading on WILLIAM COVELLI's or FRANK BALISTRIERI's toes as both of them are in the juke box business. T-2 pointed out that COVELLI is also a partner of JOHN RIZZO in the latter's craps game in Kenosha, in which FRANK BALISTRIERI has an interest, and BALISTRIERI may very well have an interest in COVELLI's juke box business as well. T-2 said that BIERNAT may have

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been "hit" by the Milwaukee outfit to be held in some farm house or other out of the way place until BIERNAT agreed to whatever demands they might make to get a cut in his juke box business.

MI T-2 advised that during the week of December 24, 1962 JOHN RIZZO, of Kenosha, had contacted STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA in Milwaukee [redacted]

[redacted] Informant said the BIERNAT incident very possibly may be an outgrowth of this deal. T-2 said that on Friday, January 4, 1963, RIZZO, BILL COVELLI and a man known only as "AL," who works at RIZZO's craps game in Kenosha, came to Milwaukee and met STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA, supposedly to [redacted] but it may very possibly have had something to do with ANTHONY BIERNAT.

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On January 13, 1963 MI T-2 advised he had learned that JOHN RIZZO had a big piece of COVELLI's juke box business and also owns a big piece of a juke box business in Racine, Wisconsin. Informant also said that evidently RIZZO and BILL COVELLI are not too concerned over the BIERNAT incident as they ran their craps game at Kenosha as usual on Friday night, January 11, 1963.

On January 18, 1963 MI T-2 advised that rumors were circulating in Milwaukee that the BALISTRERI wanted to take over BIERNAT's juke box business, and that they are planning to take over everything in Kenosha and Racine Counties, Wisconsin. T-2 stated that the individual known as "AL," who accompanied RIZZO and BILL COVELLI to Milwaukee some weeks ago, works for RIZZO in the craps game in Kenosha and is an Italian around 60 years of age, tall and thin, with grey hair and wears glasses. MI T-2 added that RIZZO and COVELLI have been in the juke box business for several years, and they also have a piece of an import and export business with an individual whose last name is [redacted] of Kenosha.

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On January 25, 1963 MI T-2 advised he had learned that STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GUZZA of Milwaukee, were talking about [redacted] and then started discussing [redacted]

[redacted] Informant also said that the talk in Milwaukee was that RIZZO was going to operate his gambling game again on Friday, January 25, 1963, at Kenosha.

On January 23, 1963 MI T-5 advised SA LEWIS GREY BROCKMAN that he would consider one "WEEZER" COVELLI as a possible suspect in the disappearance of ANTHONY BIERNAT at Kenosha. He stated that COVELLI's father, "RED" COVELLI, used to work for the CAPONE gang during the 1930's and was killed in Kenosha many years ago. MI T-5 said that COVELLI was supposed to have been an officer in the U. S. Army during World War II, and he has been active in gambling activities in Kenosha since World War II. Informant also stated that COVELLI is a very close friend of [redacted] of Kenosha. He said that COVELLI hangs out at [redacted] a lot of the time and quite often [redacted] there with [redacted]

MI T-5 said that COVELLI has been [redacted] on occasion.

MI T-5 added that COVELLI is extremely active in the Kenosha gambling picture, and that [redacted] knows gambling is going on in Kenosha. Informant said that, in his opinion, he feels sure [redacted] is being paid off. MI T-5 said that COVELLI knows just about everything that is going on in the Italian element around Kenosha, and that COVELLI has been said to be the one a person must contact if a person plans on opening any gambling joint in Kenosha and hope to stay in business. MI T-5 added that

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[redacted]
[redacted] MI T-5 in this regard said that during the latter part of 1962 he contacted COVELLI regarding [redacted]
[redacted]

Informant said that COVELLI is a professional gambler and race track bookie.

MI T-5 said it was also his belief that the FBI would not receive full cooperation from the Kenosha Police Department in the BIERNAT case inasmuch as the Kenosha Police Department is paid off by gamblers and small time hoods in Kenosha.

On January 29, 1963 [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that he has an informant who advised him that JOHN RIZZO had a big craps game in Kenosha on Saturday night, January 26, 1963, in which [redacted] of Milwaukee, won a large amount of money, and that [redacted] was in attendance at this game.

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On February 1, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA KNICKREHM that BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have been coming to Milwaukee [redacted]

Informant stated that on or about January 3, 1963 COVELLI, RIZZO and a man named "AL" (believed possibly AL ALBANA, also known as "CADILLAC AL") accompanied JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRIERI and BUSTER BALESTRERE to the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball game in Milwaukee. [redacted]
[redacted]

On February 3, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that information was recently learned ANTHONY BIERNAT handled a book in Kenosha and, accordingly, the latter may have very possibly been shaken down by DE SALVO and GURERA for weekly payments to the outfit for operating a book in Kenosha.

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MI T-2 advised that previous information existed that some of the gamblers in Kenosha had been contacted by DE SALVO and GURERA for this purpose.



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File No. **162-49**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Post Office Box 663
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin**

February 12, 1963

Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

**Reference Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.,
dated and captioned as above, at
Milwaukee.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FBI

Date: February 13, 1963

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

To: SAC, Milwaukee (92-257)

✓ From: Director, FBI (92-46900)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING*WILLIAM COVELL*
*AR*ReButel 2-12-63, captioned, "Anthony Joseph Biernat,
aka., Missing Person - Murder."

Investigations conducted by the Milwaukee Office in connection with the Criminal Intelligence Program indicate that during the past year hoodlums with close ties in Kansas City, Chicago and Las Vegas have appeared in the Milwaukee area and have been taking an active part in the gambling field and in other areas susceptible to domination by racketeers.

Your reports indicate that Joseph Frank Gurera arrived in Milwaukee from the Kansas City area early in 1962. He promptly joined up with former Kansas City hoodlum "Buster" Balestrere and Milwaukee muscle man, Steve DeSalvo, in shaking down Milwaukee gamblers and tavern owners and collecting periodic tribute payments. Informants have advised that this group had, at one time, considered killing a Milwaukee gambler in order to demonstrate that they had no reluctance in resorting to violence in order to keep everyone in line and to facilitate obtaining additional payoffs in that area. Although Frank Peter Balistrieri is the alleged head of hoodlums in Milwaukee, certainly, the results achieved by Gurera in Milwaukee, have increased his stature and standing among the hoodlums.

According to information furnished by your informants, the recent attempted invasion by the Gurera group into the jukebox business in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and the opposition to their efforts on the part of Biernat leads to the speculation that this is a logical and excellent motive for the Biernat murder.

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Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

It is noted that arrival of Gurera in Milwaukee was promptly reported by our informants, along with his plans to organize gamblers in that area and to put gambling on a paying basis insofar as the racketeers were concerned. The acquaintanceship of Milwaukee hoodlums with other area hoodlums such as Sam Giancana and Felix "Milwaukee Phil" Alderisio of Chicago; [redacted] of Las Vegas; and [redacted] and John Molle of Kansas City, has been documented. What part has been played by other area hoodlums in the recent machinations of the Milwaukee group has not been determined.

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Bearing the foregoing in mind, and in connection with our responsibilities in the criminal intelligence field to fully develop information regarding criminal activities, criminal influence and domination by racketeers, the Bureau desires that you immediately intensify all phases of your Criminal Intelligence Program. This intensification includes and applies to the following cases currently under investigation in your office:

[redacted] 247
Bureau file 92-5919
Frank P. Balistreri, Bureau file 92-3116 94-316
Steve J. DeSalvo, Bureau file 92-5134 92-145
Joseph Frank Gurera, Bureau file 92-4690 92-257
John C. Rizzo, Bureau file 92-5012 92-164
Bustiano Veto Balestrere, Bureau file 92-5130 92-166
William Covelli, Bureau file 162-777 162-49

In addition, you should open cases and immediately commence active investigation on the following individuals under the Anti-Racketeering character:

[redacted]
[redacted]
Fred Covelli, aka 94-316-171 mem. 94-44
[redacted] 91-822
Francis Stelloh mem. ref. no main file
Walter Brocca 92-57

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A weekly summary airtel is to be submitted on all of the above cases except Gurera. The initial report on the above-listed individuals is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by March 1, 1963, and thereafter reports are to be submitted without fail on a thirty-day basis.

Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

It is to be noted that retel advised that if investigation establishes that Biernat's murder was a part of the gangland tactics to take over control in Wisconsin and to move into the slot machine business,* then you should develop further evidence in connection with this killing. In order to facilitate administrative handling, any information developed concerning the Biernat murder should be included in your Anti-Racketeering case captioned, "Joseph Frank Gurera, aka., AR," Bureau file 92-4690. Beginning at once, a daily teletype should be submitted to the Bureau in connection with this matter under the Gurera caption.

Sufficient personnel are to be assigned to your Criminal Intelligence Program and to the Gurera matter in order that our responsibilities in this field are thoroughly and completely handled. You should give this matter close personal supervision.

Your summary report on the Biernat case mentioned in retel should include what progress you have made along the lines of investigative endeavor set forth in your teletype of 1-26-63. In addition, furnish your recommendations as to the feasibility of conducting an all-out investigation of the jukebox business in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin in order to determine the degree of criminal influence and "take over" by hoodlums in this industry. Also, in connection with the Biernat matter, it appears that your informant, [redacted] has furnished excellent information and with additional cultivation and possible promise of lump sum payments, may be induced to furnish additional valuable information in this case. His statement that [redacted]

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warrants further investigative inquiry. It is recalled that in a previous Theft From Interstate Shipment case in the Chicago Office, information was developed that [redacted] located in the Waukegan Resident Agency had [redacted]

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[redacted] Details of this modus operandi should be obtained from the Chicago Office, along with backgrounds of the individuals involved. You should also keep in mind that an FBI Laboratory report indicates that footprints found at the grave site may be of value in comparison with shoes of suspects.

* and jukebox business.

Airtel to Milwaukee
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

At the present time, you are not utilizing any highly confidential sources. Other offices have found this to be a most effective investigative technique and a highly valuable source of information. Agents conducting investigations in the Criminal Intelligence field should, at all times, be alert to the potential use of such an aid. Whenever you determine it is feasible to use such sources, you should promptly submit your recommendations and request for survey. In a separate communication, advise within ten days any plans you have or recommendations you have with respect to utilization of any highly confidential sources.

The Bureau desires that your entire Criminal Intelligence Program be accelerated. Any information developed in connection with the Biernat matters should be carefully and relentlessly pursued. Keep Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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AIRMAIL

To: Director, FBI (162-777)
From: SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI,
aka
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OO: Milwaukee

ReBUairtel to Milwaukee, 2/13/63, captioned "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR," BUfile 92-4690, requesting weekly summary airtel on captioned Subject, to be followed by initial report by 3/1/63.

In connection with captioned matter it is noted a current report was prepared and submitted to the Bureau on 2/12/63 by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., at Milwaukee.

Subject COVELLI is associated with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in the "craps" and poker gambling game held at 2207 - 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which site, according to [redacted] on 2/8 and 16/63 in contact with SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY, did not open on the weekends of 2/2, 9 and 16/63 apparently in cooperation with [redacted]

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Intensification of all phases of this investigation is being conducted with view to developing additional informants and sources covering Subject's activities, and consideration being given to possible future utilization of other investigative and technical aids.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE (92-145) Date: 2/19/63

FROM: *PHS* SAC PAUL H. STODDARD

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Re Bureau airtel 2/13/63 captioned "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR," which referred to Bureau airtel 2/12/63 captioned "ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT, aka, MISSING PERSON-MURDER."

In addition to instructions set forth by the Bureau in airtel of 2/13/63, this office desires to increase our emphasis in all of the cases to which this memorandum is being filed. The following should be vigorously pursued and/or considered in each case:

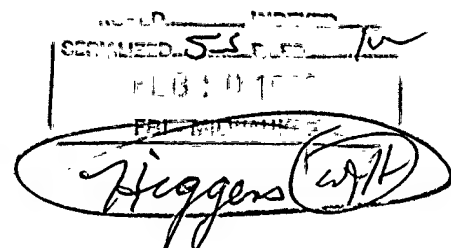
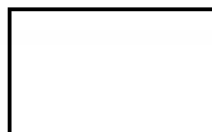
1. The development of additional informants on each subject.
2. Attempt to secure permission of each subject to take a polygraph examination.
3. Consider and attempt to develop areas where this office might be able to recommend a survey for the institution of highly confidential sources in each case.
4. Insure that dissemination of information received from informants is disseminated to appropriate files as listed in this memorandum.
5. Insure that a teletype is submitted in the JOSEPH FRANK GURERA case each day and airtels submitted in all cases each week which include summary of investigative activity.

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cc: (2) for: 92-265

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92-165 (Steve J. DeSalvo)
92-257 (Jos. Frank Gurera)
92-164 (John C. Rizzo)
92-166 (Bustiano Veto Balestrere)
162-49 (Wm. Covelli)
92-316 (Albert Albano)
92-317 (Fred Covelli)
92-318 (Dominic Frank Principe)
92-315 (Francis Stelloh)
92-57 (Walter Brocca)

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6. Insure that the Bureau receives report in each case without fail on a 30-day basis, the first to reach the Bureau 3/1/63.

During the first 30 days of investigation in each case you should submit your observations to the SAC re above enumerated items. Should you feel that at any time in the future airtels on a weekly basis should be discontinued the Bureau should be so informed.

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Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

March 1, 1963

WILLIAM COVELLI
INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

MI T-2 is [redacted] who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly with those in the Italian-American element, and is aware of their current illegal activities.

MI T-6 is [redacted] who is closely associated [redacted] with a number of Kenosha gamblers, particularly those of the Italian-American element, and he has knowledge of their present illegal activities in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

To: Director, FBI (162-777)
From: SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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OO: Milwaukee

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 2/22/63.

On 2/26/63, [redacted] advised that Subject BILL COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Kenosha, Wisc., visited Milwaukee on Saturday, [redacted] and spent a good part of the evening with FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI [redacted] Informant said COVELLI appeared to be scared and that BALISTRIERI advised them that they would have [redacted]

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On 2/27-28/63 and 3/1/63, spot checks conducted of COVELLI's residence at 7827 - 36th Ave., Kenosha, reflected COVELLI was staying close to his home and/or was visiting Greco's Restaurant, 2209 - 56th St., Kenosha, which is also the listed address of COVELLI's Kenosha Vending Company business operation. COVELLI currently is driving a 1963 Dodge Dart, white in color, 1963 Wisc. license E 84-821, registered to the Kenosha Vending Co. with address given of his home at 7827 - 36th Ave. In residence garage was old model Rambler, 1963 Wisc. license G 84-549 registered to ELEANORE V. COVELLI, same home address.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE W 3/1/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/6-18/63
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.	TYPED BY eak
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REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 2/12/63, Milwaukee.
Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 2/22/63.

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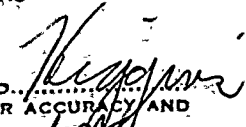
ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (2):

Original and one copy of letterhead memo reflecting characterizations of informants utilized in this report.

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At Kenosha, Wis.

(1) Will in course of investigation consider attempt to secure permission of Subject to take polygraph test and attempt to develop areas wherein recommendation for survey for institution

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of highly confidential sources may be made.

(2) Will continue efforts to identify Subject as being involved in gambling and other racket activities, with view to ascertaining whether engaged in violation of laws of US.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Bureau by airtel to Milwaukee dated 2/13/63 captioned, "JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka, AR," Bufile 92-4690, identified WILLIAM COVELLI, of Kenosha, Wis., as one of several hoodlums on whom the Milwaukee Office was directed to open intensive investigation and submit weekly summary airtels and also submit a report thereon to reach Bureau by 3/1/63. Will also thereafter report on a 30 day basis without fail.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity</u>	<u>Location</u>
T-2 is [redacted]	MI 92-164-161,164
T-6 is [redacted] [redacted] Kenosha, Wis. (requested)	MI 92-255-38

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Office: MILWAUKEE
Date: 3/1/63

Field Office File No.: MI 162-49

Bureau File No.: 162-777

Title: WILLIAM COVELLI

Character: INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis: MI T-6 advised 2/6/63 that continuous gambling games are run in Kenosha, Wis. by RIZZO and Subject, with big games run particularly on Wednesday and Sunday nights. MI T-6 stated that Subject was in business with [redacted] in cigarette vending machine business. MI T-2 advised 2/8/63 that RIZZO's gambling game operated on week-end of 1/26/63 but did not open on week-end of 2/2/63 apparently due to [redacted]

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[redacted] T-2 also stated on 2/16/63 that RIZZO was not going to operate his game that week-end in Kenosha, Wis.

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DETAILS: AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On February 6, 1963 MI T-6 advised SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN that Subject WILLIAM COVELLI was in business with [redacted] in a cigarette vending machine route in Kenosha.

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MI T-6 advised he is certain there is something wrong with the Kenosha Police Department based mainly on the fact that gambling and prostitution are so flagrant and wide open in the city. He stated, for example, that he knows there are continuous gambling games run by JOHN RIZZO and BILL COVELLI at the place located next to Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street, near 22nd Avenue, Kenosha. He said further that upstairs above Dante's Bar, on 52nd Street, there was a gambling spot and, in

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fact, had noticed that on the previous night, at about 4:00 AM, there apparently was a big game going on there. Informant said this is run by one [redacted] and is not a friendly type game but a house game. Informant said that Wednesday and Sunday nights are when the big games are reportedly held in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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MI T-6 also said that, in regard to [redacted] he believed [redacted] frequented improper types of places as far as his being [redacted] was concerned. He pointed out that, while gambling was going on next-door at RIZZO's and COVELLI's, [redacted] used to [redacted] after work. He also said that he has received information that [redacted] club, and that some [redacted] club, and gambling is carried on at this club.

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MI T-6 further advised he knows personally that STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE approximately two to three years ago were close associates of FRANK BALISTRIERI and they [redacted]

[redacted] the craps game run in Kenosha by RIZZO and Subject COVELLI, who used to [redacted] in Milwaukee quite regularly [redacted]

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On February 8, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that he had learned through sources ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, during the summer of 1962 had taken some bets in Milwaukee and was considered to be a bookie in Kenosha although informant does not know the place from where BIERNAT was booking.

MI T-2 also advised that RIZZO's gambling game at Kenosha was closed over the week-end of February 2, 1963 but had been open on the week-end before that on January 26, 1963. Informant said [redacted]

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On February 16 and 18, 1963 MI T-2 advised SA GASSAWAY that RIZZO had not planned and definitely did not operate on the week-end of February 16, 1963

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dated and captioned as above, at
Milwaukee.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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AIR MAIL

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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OO: Milwaukee

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/1/63.

On 3/7/63 ALBERT ALBANA, residing at 3029 - 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and himself subject of Milwaukee case entitled "ALBERT ALBANA, aka., AR" Milwaukee File 92-316, was interviewed at Kenosha, Wisconsin by Bureau Agents and denied being involved in any way with the BIERMAN abduction and killing. He also denied knowing or recognizing the photographs of STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, FRANK PETER BALISTRERI and [redacted] ALBANA also denied visiting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin in December, 1962 or of having on January 4, 1963 in company with JOE RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI visited [redacted]

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[redacted] and attended the Harlem Globetrotters basketball exhibition that evening in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. ALBANA also refused to discuss the nature of his associations with either COVELLI or RIZZO at Kenosha and refused to divulge his income and earnings as well as the source thereof. He also refused to discuss his knowledge of the activities, legitimate or otherwise, of either COVELLI or RIZZO and refused to discuss the

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matter of gambling being conducted next door to Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha. In respect to DOMINIC PRINCIPE, ALEANA said he considers himself a good friend of PRINCIPE's and is the godfather of PRINCIPE's youngest child, [REDACTED] ALEANA said it has been a couple of weeks since he contacted PRINCIPE and could not recall having visited him at the PRINCIPE home within any more recent date. ALEANA also refused to execute a waiver for a polygraph examination until such time as he could contact his lawyer.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/6/63

FROM : SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact		2/23/63
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO - AR	92-164	Higgins
WILLIAM COVELLI - ICA	162-49	Higgins
DOMINIC FRANK PRINCIPE - AR	92-318	Higgins
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA - AR	92-257	Holtzman
ALBERT ALBANO - AR	92-316	[REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Positive Informant advised that there has been little or no talk amongst the Italian-Americans involved in racket activities in the Kenosha-Waukegan, Ill. area relating to the BIERNAT killing. There was general shock at the FBI entry into the case and finding of the body of BIERNAT which was definitely not to be and the thought was that whoever "tipped" the FBI as to the location of the body would also finger those involved. Informant said that insofar as he was concerned "Popp's" PRINCIPE would have had no part in the BIERNAT killing or even the abduction as he had severed his relations sometime back with the West Side when he went to Lake Zurich, Ill. and through the years never liked BILL COVELLI or got along with him. PRINCIPE was close to "JEFF" COVELLI, brother of Bill, and pulled several burglaries with JEFF and did time on an assault case in Racine that JEFF was also involved in but owed no favors to BILL COVELLI or RIZZO and certainly did not need any money as he has been loaded ever since going to Lake Zurich, Ill. that informant is sure PRINCIPE was behind. Informant said that PRINCIPE has actually used [REDACTED] [REDACTED] him since last contact.		
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1 - [REDACTED] 1- 92-318
 1 - 92-164 1- 92-257
 1 - 162-49 ✓ 1 - 92-316
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[redacted]
[redacted] In addition,
PRINCIPE has at least on two occasions [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] on those occasions.

Informant added that in his judgement PRINCIPE is a good thief, a sharp operator who on more than one occasion has outsmarted his partners in crimes by winding up scot-free while others in the "score" were arrested, but despite his reputation as a "tough" is not the type to become involved in a killing.

Informant also stated that "Cadillac Al" ALBANO for years was nothing more than a flunkie for BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO. ALBANO has served as a doorman at RIZZO's place for the past two years, was used as a "runner" at times, and is now a companion of these two and will do what he is ordered to do like any servant with no special abilities of any kind and very definitely is not a skilled gambler that could be used with any degree of reliability in any gambling operation.

Informant said that RIZZO has a game going somewhere in Kenosha, Wis., despite the ban by the City Police on all of the regular joints, and this is said to be somewhere in the vicinity of 63rd and 14th Ave., Kenosha and a definite effort will be made to ascertain the exact place and times.

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/12/63

TO: SAC (92-257)

FROM: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka.
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Re conference 3/11/63.

It is suggested that the following personnel assignments be made and Bureau advised:

SAs THOMPSON &

Development of [redacted] informant and/or [redacted] and other informant development in Milwaukee including survey for each CS. Also specific cases on FRANCIS STELLOH and [redacted]

SAs GASSAWAY &

Handling of [redacted] and specific cases on ALBERT ALBANA and DOMINIC PRINCIPE plus specific leads BERNAT investigation set out below;

SAs KNICKREHM &

Specific cases on [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRE, WALTER BROCCA and STEVE DE SALVO plus investigative leads BERNAT investigation set out below.

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1 - SA [redacted]
1 - SA [redacted]
1 - SA [redacted]
1 - SA HOLTZMAN
1 - SA KNICKREHM
1 - SA GASSAWAY
1 - SA [redacted]
1 - SA [redacted]
1 - SA THOMPSON

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SAs [] Specific cases on JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, WILLIAM COVELLI, and FRED COVELLI plus specific leads in BERNAT investigation set out below;

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SA [] Administrative handling of leads and reporting procedures, Milwaukee, maintenance of special indices and correlation of report;

SA HOLTZMAN Specific cases on FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, JOSEPH FRANK GURERA plus administration of leads and investigative endeavors over-all in above cases.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the leads in Buairtel 3/8/63 and previous communications mentioned therein, namely, MI teletype 1/26/63 (79-56-84), MI letter 3/1/63 (79-56-269), Buairtel 2/13/63 (92-257-200) and Buairtel 3/5/63 (92-257-239), the following specific leads are set out. A number of those leads have already been covered and the ones below are those remaining to be covered.

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1. Attempt to develop additional information from [] informant, and/or [] and development of HCS - SAs THOMPSON and []

2. Exploit individual believed to be weakest link with knowledge of this crime - determined to be WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI - SAs []

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3. Interview associates of Victim and examine his business records and interview his customers to determine if there is any indication of pressure from the group believed responsible for his death - SAs []

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4. Show suspects' photographs to witnesses who have not previously examined them and re-interview [] believed to have witnessed the assault - SAs KNICKREHM and []

5. Contact other juke box operators, Kenosha area, for possibility that they have received heat from the outfit - SAs KNICKREHM and []

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6. Re-interview [redacted] who allegedly overheard GURERA, ET AL, make a demand on Victim - SAs KNICKREHM and [redacted]
7. Re-interview [redacted] who allegedly advised USA, Milwaukee, that BIERNAT was killed because he was an informant. Determine basis for this statement - SAs GASSAWAY and [redacted]
8. Re-contact [redacted] specifically relative to [redacted]
[redacted] and if pertinent identify [redacted] - SAs GASSAWAY and [redacted]
9. Leads for other offices to contact informants, determine the state of issue and identity of individual observed by [redacted] driving car with license [redacted] consider circularization as to hit car, obtain info from Chicago re cars cut up in Waukegan hijacking case, and other leads as they arise - SA HOLTZMAN;
10. Completely review report 3/1/63 and set out and assign leads obtained from it - SA HOLTZMAN.

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Agents to whom the above leads are assigned should keep in mind the possibility of using Polygraph and where feasible obtain Polygraph waivers. Also to be kept in mind are the existence among physical evidence of identifiable shovel markings from the grave, peculiarity of the soil from the grave's site which may be adherent to clothing of suspects or their cars, the fact that Victim's blood type AB or B with a weak A factor is rare and any traces of it on clothing or automobiles of suspects would be very significant, the existence of several shoe prints suitable for comparison (photographs have been requested from the Lab); the existence of several latent fingerprints and one latent palm print.

The obtaining of urine specimens will be of no value to the Lab but may be of some psychological value in interviewing suspects.

Please feel free to consult with SA HOLTZMAN on the basis for or background concerning any of the above or other leads.

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URGENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) P

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA, AR, DAILY TELETYPE.

[REDACTED] SERVED WITH FGJ SUBPOENAS

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MARCH ELEVENTH INSTANT ON FCC VIOLATION, WHICH FACT CREATED
CONSIDERABLE FUROR AMONG HOODLUM ELEMENT MANY OF WHOM, ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED] ARE TAKING OFF FROM THE CITY IN FEAR OF

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ADDITIONAL SUBPOENAS.

[REDACTED] LEARNED THAT WILLIAM WIESER

COVELLI, KENOSHA, SUSPECT BIERNAT CASE, HAS GONE TO HOT SPRINGS,
ARK., TO BOOK APPARENTLY AT THE RACE TRACK THERE AND THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] BUFILE ONE SIX TWO DASH NINE ONE ONE, IS TO LEAVE TODAY
TO JOIN HIM. THIS WILL BE INQUIRED INTO ON POSSIBLE ITAR.

[REDACTED] ALSO LEARNED THAT JOHN RIZZO AND

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ALBERT ALBANA, SUSPECTS BIERNAT CASE, ARE AWAY AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR
SERVICE OF PAPERS WHICH WAS PRETEXT USED TO INQUIRY.

SUBJECT KNOWN TO POSSESS FIREARMS. CONSIDER ARMED AND

DANGEROUS.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) -P-
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
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OO: MILWAUKEE

ReMI-airtel to Bureau 3/8/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 2/25/63 [redacted] advised the craps and poker gambling games operated by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO at Kenosha in which subject COVELLI is associated are not operating due to "heat" from the BIERHAT murder [redacted]

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On 3/11/63 [redacted] Kenosha, Wis., advised [redacted]

[redacted] determined there is a small "craps" game being conducted in rear of Friendly Tavern, 6210 14th Ave., Kenosha, but this is allegedly only for colored element and the West side Italian crowd is not involved. Informant said he also learned BILL "WEISER" COVELLI left Kenosha during middle of previous week possibly on 4th or 5th of March and said to have gone to Hot Springs, Ark., and that RIZZO possibly also may have gone to same place. Informant also said he learned COVELLI has some spot on 27th Ave., Kenosha, exact address not yet learned, where he stores his cigarette machines and also has some juke boxes stored there. In this connection it is noted [redacted]

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[redacted] resides at [redacted] Kenosha.

On 3/12/63 [redacted] advised he telephoned [redacted] Kenosha, on 3/11/63 and asked to talk to COVELLI or AL ALBANA. [redacted] refused to tell him where either was but only said they were out of town and not available. Informant also said that [redacted] told [redacted] scheduled to fly to Hot Springs, Ark. on 3/12/63 to meet with COVELLI who was already there [redacted]

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Spot checks of COVELLI's residence at Kenosha on 3/11-14/63 failed to locate COVELLI's 1963 Dodge Dart, 1963 Wis. license E34-921.

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SA ALBERT B. KNICKREEM (92-164)

JOHN CHARLES RIZZO
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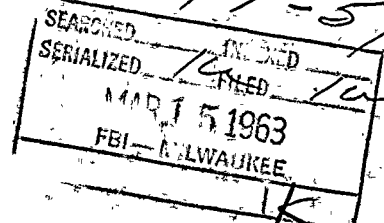
Chief of Police LEROY JENKINS, Racine, Wis., telephonically advised this date that in an attempt to ascertain RIZZO's whereabouts one of his men this morning made a pretext call to [redacted] telephone

[redacted] in Racine. According to [redacted] she received a telephone call on the evening of 3/14/63 from subject who stated he was in Amarillo, Texas, enroute to Las Vegas, Nev. She indicated she expected to hear from him again in a day or two.

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Chief JENKINS stated he drove past subject's residence about 10 p.m. on 3/14/63 and that the house was dark.

Chief JENKINS called back later and advised that a man from his department had recontacted [redacted] under pretext and she told him that [redacted] were traveling together with Mr. and Mrs. BILL "WEISER" COVELLI and were due to arrive at Las Vegas today and would be back in Wis. a week from today.



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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, LITTLE ROCK
LAS VEGAS

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-23) (P)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
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Captivated subject took Delta Airlines flight 045 leaving Chicago 8:20 a.m. 13th instant to arrive in Hot Springs, Arkansas at 12:51 p.m. same date via Delta Airlines flight 455 (transferred at Memphis).

Subject alleged to [REDACTED] that he was going to meet WILLIAM "BOB" COVILLI, who was already there and the [REDACTED]

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For info both of these individuals plus JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and ALBERT ALPANA are hoodlum associates of each other and of JOSEPH FRANK GUERIN, STEVE DE SALVO, and other Milwaukee hoodlums who are believed implicated in the January 7 slaying of ARTHUR J. BERNARD, Kansas juke box operator. COVILLI and RIZZO have operated for a period of years a crap game at Kansas with ALPANA being employed there as a sometimes door man and stick man. This game is operated in part at least on behalf of the Milwaukee hoodlum group of which the other three individuals are members.

The above informant on 3/11/63 endeavored to telephone COVILLI or ALPANA at Kansas and learned only that they were out of town and not available. Pretext contact with [REDACTED] at Racine elicited information that [REDACTED] were traveling with Mr. and Mrs. COVILLI and were due to arrive in Las Vegas 3/15/63 and would be back in Wisconsin 3/22/63.

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- 2 - Las Vegas (AM) (Encls. 3)
- 4 - Milwaukee (162-23) (162-49)
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Enclosed for both offices are photographs of captioned subject with a description on the back, photographs of RIZZO with a description on the back, and photographs of ALDANA. No photograph is available of COVELLI, who is described as DOB 10/5/19, Kenosha, 5'10", 180 lbs., dark hair and eyes, driving a 1963 white Dodge Dart station wagon, 1953 Wisconsin license ES4-821.

Both offices through informants and available sources endeavor to establish presence of these individuals in their territory and if located consider the following leads:

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

At Hot Springs, Arkansas:

1. Determine if subject and/or other individuals mentioned above are booking at the race track or otherwise. This group is known to have participated in race track booking operations at Arlington Park, Chicago, during the past season.
2. In the event any such activity or other activity which would bring them within the purview of the IIRB statute is determined establish through registration cards and other sources their presence in Hot Springs and their method of travel when leaving.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION

If any of the subjects located there consider the fact that all are convicted felons for purposes of any local registration required.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [REDACTED]

DATE: 3/20/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact		3/18/63	
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR		92-257	HOLTZMAN
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA		162-49	[REDACTED]
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR		92-164	HIGGINS
[REDACTED] SAM CEFALU, IGA		162-23	[REDACTED]
CIP Q		92-145	THOMPSON
IGA		162-1	[REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact		LA CAUSA NOSTRA	92-262 [REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE			
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE			
Informant advised that [REDACTED] is presently in Hot Springs, Ark., and supposed to meet JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there today. [REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]			
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.		Rating	Excellent
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 3/20/63

FROM : SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact		3/12/63	
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
[redacted]	IGA	162-23	[redacted]
[redacted]	ITWI	165-46	THOMPSON
[redacted]	ITWI	165-12	KNICKREHM
BUSTER BALESTRERE, AR		92-166	[redacted]
FRANK STELLOH, AR		92-315	[redacted]
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA		162-49	HIGGINS
Purpose and results of contact		92-316	[redacted]
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	AL ALBANA, AR	92-164	HIGGINS
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	JOHN RIZZO, AR	92-145	THOMPSON
	CIP	162-1	[redacted]
	IGA	92-262	THOMPSON
	LA CAUSA NOSTRA		
<p>Informant advised that [redacted] called [redacted] on 3/11/63 and wanted [redacted] to stop at [redacted]. Informant stated that according to [redacted] when [redacted] entered [redacted] [redacted] were leaving. Informant advised that [redacted] told [redacted] [redacted]</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.		Rating	Coverage
		Excellent	Gambling
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[REDACTED]
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that [REDACTED] was quite drunk and also appeared to be quite shaken up about the news.

Informant stated that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on the evening of 3/11/63 and according to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was going to Hot Springs, Arkansas, to book. He stated that [REDACTED] was going to meet BILL "WIESER" COVELLI in Hot Springs and that COVELLI was already there.

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Informant stated that [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] in Konosha on the evening of 3/11/63 and inquired as to RIZZO's whereabouts stating he had some information for RIZZO. He stated that [REDACTED] advised that RIZZO wasn't around town and that [REDACTED] then stated [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

stated that both RIZZO and ALBANA were out of town [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Informant surmised that, from the conversation both ALBANA and RIZZO may well be in Hot Springs, Ark. Informant advised that [REDACTED] will be [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

He advised [REDACTED] also stated that COVELLI was not around either.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (162-49)

FROM : SA THOMAS J. GRAHAM

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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DATE: 3/20/63

Rerep SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 2/12/63, Milwaukee.

AT EAU CLAIRE, WIS.

On 2/27/63 [redacted] Wis. Telephone Co., advised that telephone number [redacted] is listed to the [redacted] Westgate Road, Eau Claire, Wis. He advised that [redacted] is listed to [redacted] Eau Claire, Wis. [redacted] stated that [redacted]

On 2/27/63 [redacted] Northwestern Credit Bureaus, advised that [redacted] had a very good credit rating with his bureau. He said that [redacted] was approximately 35 years of age and was self-employed as [redacted]. He said he had a record on [redacted] since 1950, and that [redacted] has always maintained a good credit rating. He said [redacted] had the reputation of being a good, hard working man and a good businessman. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is married to [redacted] who is the daughter of [redacted] a reputable insurance agent in Eau Claire, Wis. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] is the son of [redacted] of Hollywood, Fla. He advised [redacted] graduated in 1952 from the Wis. State College at Eau Claire, Wis. His file contained nothing unfavorable concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that the [redacted] is engaged in the business of distributing vending machines which dispense drinks of various types, candy, etc. He stated that the [redacted] is apparently in good shape financially.

On 3/8/63 [redacted] Records Bureau, Eau Claire PD,

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advised the records of that department contained no record of arrest for [REDACTED]

On 3/8/63 [REDACTED] stock brokers, advised he was formerly associated with [REDACTED] family in the vending and candy business, and he knew [REDACTED] at that time. He said [REDACTED] had the reputation for being a hard worker and a very reputable individual in the trade. He stated he knew of nothing unfavorable concerning [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

Milwaukee

DATE: **3/20/68**

FROM : SA

JOHN H. GAGGAWAY

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Dates of Contact		3/11, 13 and 14/68	
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
IGA	162-2	KNICKERBOCKER	
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA	165-45	THOMPSON	
JOHN RIZZO	162-49		
ALBERT ALANA	92-164	HIGGINS	
	92-316		
	162-23		
Purpose and results of contact			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE	CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	IGA	162-1	
	LA CAUSA NOCTRA	92-232	THOMPSON
<p>On 3/11/68, informant advised that WIESEN COVELLI had left Kenosha, Wisc., on a trip and his destination was believed to be Hot Springs, Ark. He stated that JOHNNY RIZZO and AL ALANA also left Kenosha with their wives on a trip and they were also believed to be going to Hot Springs, Ark., among other places.</p> <p>On 3/13/68, informant advised that [redacted] did not leave on March 12 for Hot Springs, Ark. [redacted] plans to drive to Chicago [redacted] and then fly to Hot Springs, Ark., for a meeting with COVELLI and RIZZO.</p> <p>On 3/14/68, informant advised that [redacted] had left Milwaukee on a trip,</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage	
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probable destination Las Vegas, Nevada, although he is not certain. He said that he believes that all these individuals are getting out of town because of the present hearing before the U.S. Federal Grand Jury in Milwaukee and they are afraid they might be subpoenaed.

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File - Serial Charge Out
FD-5 (Rev. 12-1-60)

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Date _____

To _____

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AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P -
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/15/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 3/13/63, [redacted]
Racine, Wisconsin PD, made a pretext call to [redacted]
[redacted] Racine, Wisconsin and asked for
RIZZO. She said she had heard from [redacted] the night
before and they told her they were in Amarillo, Texas and would
be leaving the next day for Las Vegas, Nevada and that BILL
COVELLI and his wife were with them. [redacted] and
[redacted] had left Racine, Wisconsin on 3/10/63, and she was
expecting them back in 10 or 12 days from the 3/13 date and she
expected that would be around 3/25/63.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] might
have possibly "fibbed" regarding [redacted] location but it
would be more likely that [redacted] might have told her they
were at some city other than where they were actually staying
to avoid directly involving [redacted] in any manner with
any activity [redacted] might be engaged in.

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On 3/18/63, [redacted]
[redacted] Wisconsin, advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] also stated that [redacted]
[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin; and [redacted]
[redacted] and also
operator of [redacted] Kenosha,
Wisconsin; and [redacted] and JOHN RIZZO were all close friends
of WEISER COVELLI. She stated that one time COVELLI was in a
partnership with [redacted] doing business at [redacted]
[redacted] in Kenosha, Wisconsin prior to [redacted]
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She also advised that shortly after ANTHONY BIERNAT's
death she had made a statement to [redacted]
[redacted]

On 3/18/63, [redacted] advised he had heard that [redacted]
[redacted] a Milwaukee gambler, was down in Hot Springs, Ark. and
was supposed to meet JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there on
that same day. They were planning to [redacted]
[redacted]

On 3/19/63, Agents of the Milwaukee Office observed
JOHN RIZZO's two cars located in RIZZO's closed garage at 1906
Emmertson Road, Racine County, Wisconsin.

BILL COVELLI's car has not been observed in the
Kenosha, Wisconsin area and it may indicate that COVELLI's car,
a 1963 Dodge Dart, Wisconsin license E34-821 was used to travel
to Hot Springs, Ark.

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Spot checks at BILL COVELLI's residence, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, have failed to indicate any activity or presence of cars other than a black Rambler. 1963 Wisconsin registration [redacted] belonging to [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

DATE: 3/22/63

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (162-277) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
IGA

Re Milwaukee airtel to Chicago dated 1/31/63.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are ten copies of an insert for administrative pages, nine copies of an FD-302 of SA [redacted] concerning telephone number [redacted] issued to [redacted] Arlington Heights, Illinois, and ten copies of an insert investigation conducted by SA [redacted] at Arlington Heights, Illinois.

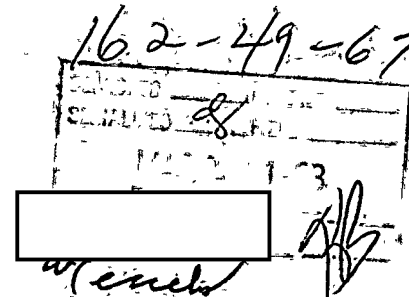
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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will identify subscriber to telephone number charged to OL 2-1390 listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, as set out in referenced communication.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 5, 1963

WILLIAM COVELLI

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA [redacted], dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-1 is [redacted] who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element and is aware of the current illegal activities.

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MI T-2 is [redacted] who is closely associated [redacted] with a number of Kenosha gamblers, particularly those of the Italian-American element.

MI T-3 is [redacted] who is [redacted] closely associated with hoodlums in the Kenosha and Milwaukee area.

MI T-4 is a Milwaukee source of Italian-American origin. [redacted] the Milwaukee Italian-American hoodlum element and who still remains in contact with this group.

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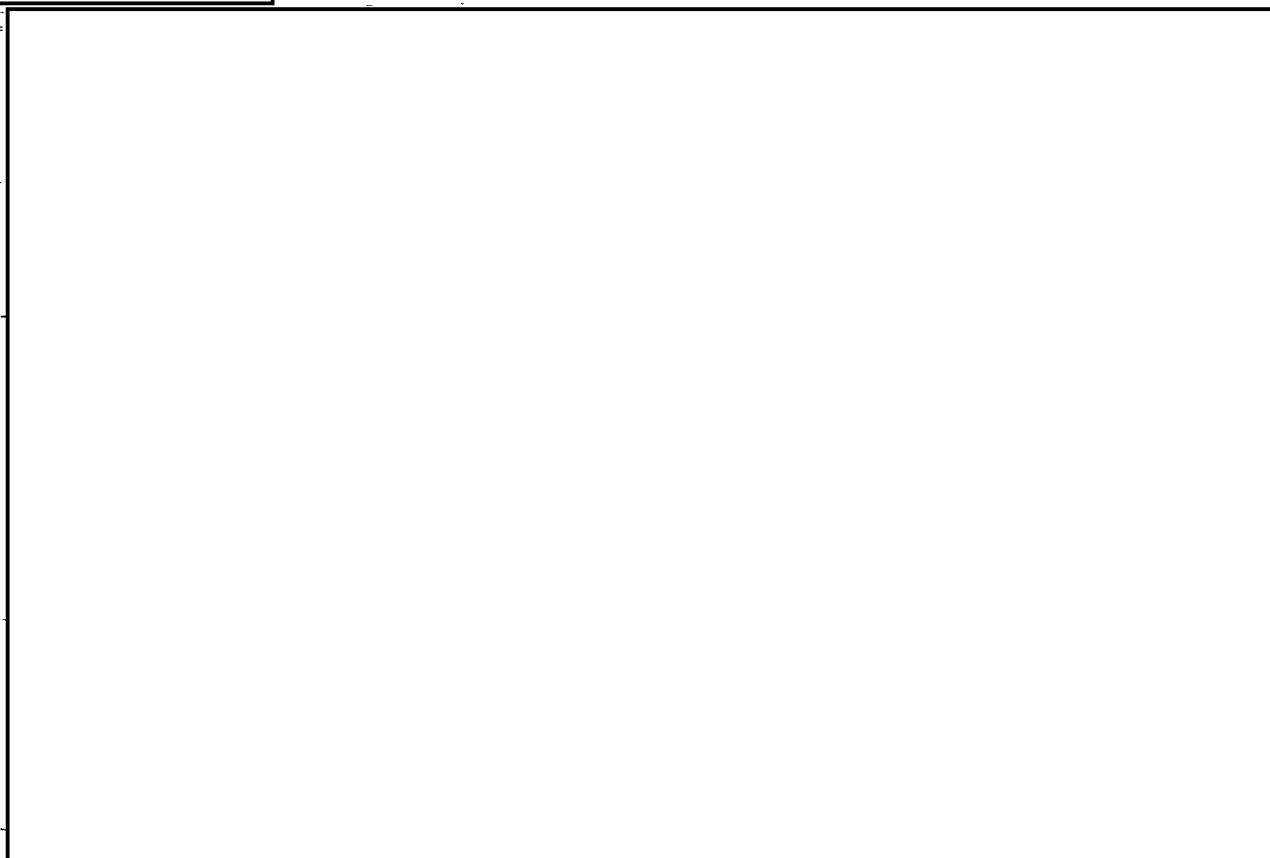
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Date March 12, 1963

The following information is available upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to

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On 3/5/63 at Racine, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49

by SA [redacted] ef Date dictated 3/8/63

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TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY ah
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCES

Report of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., 3/1/63, Milwaukee;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/1/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/8/63;
 Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, 3/11/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/15/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Little Rock and Las Vegas, 3/16/63 (IO);
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/22/63;
 Chicago letter to Milwaukee, 3/22/63 (IO);
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/29/63

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants utilized in this report.

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LEADS

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1.
Will interview Subject at opportune time, concerning his involvement in gambling and other racket activities.
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Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject, in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.

3.
Will remain in contact with [REDACTED]

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will remain in contact with [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

The period of this report is extended to include investigation conducted at Des Plaines, Illinois on 12/12/62 and at Chicago and Arlington Heights, Illinois on 2/7/63, results of which were not available for inclusion in referenced report.

Information concerning telephone number [REDACTED] was furnished by [REDACTED] Illinois Bell Telephone Co., 106 West Eastman, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

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Information concerning telephone number [REDACTED] was furnished by [REDACTED] Wisconsin Telephone Company, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Information regarding [REDACTED] set forth in this report, was furnished 3/5/63, by [REDACTED]

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INFORMANTS

NY 162-49

Identity

NY T-1 is [] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

NY T-2 is [] at Kenosha,
Wisconsin, by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.

NY T-3 is [] Kenosha, Wisconsin
(by request)

NY T-4 is [] contacted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

Milwaukee

Date:

April 5, 1963

Field Office File No.:

MI 162-49

Bureau File No.:

162-777

Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character:

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] MI T-4 advised Subject and RIZZO visited Milwaukee, Wis. on Saturday, 2/23/63 and spent a good part of the evening with FRANK BALISTRIERI. Informant said COVELLI appeared to be scared and that BALISTRIERI [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MI T-1 advised 2/25/63 that gambling games, operated in Kenosha, Wis. by Subject and RIZZO, are not operating due to "heat" from DIERNAT murder and [REDACTED] of Kenosha. ALBERT ALBANA, 3020 52nd Street, Kenosha, Wis. advised on 3/8/63 that he knows Subject and RIZZO, but does not know what they do for a living. He denied having any affiliation with COVELLI or RIZZO or any of their associates. MI T-2, advised 3/11/63 Subject left Kenosha 4th or 5th of March and had gone to Hot Springs, Ark. and that RIZZO possibly may have gone to the same place. MI T-1 advised 3/12/63 that [REDACTED] said that Subject was out of town and not available. MI T-1 also advised that [REDACTED] flew to Hot Springs, Ark. 3/12/63 to meet with Subject, who was already there [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chief JENKINS, Racine P.D., advised 3/15/63 that [REDACTED] under pretext call by man from his department, told him that [REDACTED] were traveling together with Mr. and Mrs. BILL "WEISER" COVELLI and were due to arrive at Las Vegas, Nev. 3/15/63 and be back in Wis. sometime during the following week. [REDACTED] Wis., advised [REDACTED]

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3/10/63 Subject was former partner of [redacted] at the [redacted]
[redacted] Kenosha, Wis. [redacted] also advised that [redacted]
[redacted] On 3/19/63, [redacted]
[redacted] Racine
P.D., provided explanation of [redacted]
[redacted] Kenosha, Wis. WI T-3
advised 3/20/63 that Subject and RIZZO were out of town and
had been gone several weeks. Informant also stated that Subject
had come to Los Angeles, Cal. to visit [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Anonymous call received 3/20/63 at Kenosha, stating
that Subject was in company with [redacted] on
evening of 3/20/63 at Gerolmo's Tavern, 2201 50th Street,
Kenosha, Wis. WI T-3 also advised that [redacted] and
[redacted] were in attendance [redacted] at a party
attended by [redacted]
[redacted] Kenosha, Wis.

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DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois

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ON

Date:

2/18/63

The foregoing is not to be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted]

Chicago, Illinois.

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On 2/7/63 at Arlington Heights, Illinois File # MI 162-49
by SA [redacted] /EDV Date dictated 2/12/63 Chicago 162-277

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On December 13, 1962, [redacted]
De-Plainer Credit Bureau, 160 Street, De-Plainer, Illinois,
advised SA [redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted] Arlington Heights, Illinois, has been in
file since 1955.

He is 39 years of age, wife [redacted] 3 children
in 1957, had lived for 8 years at Arlington Heights, Illinois,
address in 1957.

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He was employed as [redacted]
Chicago, in 1953; by [redacted] St. Louis,
Missouri, for one year in 1961. Recently he has been a self-
employed [redacted] operating as [redacted] out of his
Arlington Heights address.

On February 12, 1963 [redacted]
Arlington Heights, Illinois, Police Department, advised SA
[redacted] that his files reflect three traffic violations for
[redacted] since 1950.

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Information concerning [REDACTED]
was furnished by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Arlington Heights,
Illinois.

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At Eau Claire, Wisconsin

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The following investigation was conducted by SA THOMAS J. GRANAH:

On February 27, 1963, [redacted] Wisconsin Telephone Co., advised that telephone number [redacted] is listed to the [redacted] Westgate Road, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He advised that [redacted] is listed to [redacted] Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

On February 27, 1963, [redacted] Northwestern Credit Bureau, advised that [redacted] had a very good credit rating with his bureau. He said that [redacted] was approximately 35 years of age and was self-employed as [redacted]. He said he had a record on [redacted] since 1950, and that [redacted] has always maintained a good credit rating. He said [redacted] had the reputation of being a good, hard-working man and a good businessman. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is married to [redacted] who is the daughter of [redacted] a reputable insurance agent in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] is the son of [redacted] of Hollywood, Florida. He advised [redacted] graduated in 1952 from the Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. His file contained nothing unfavorable concerning [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the [redacted] is engaged in the business of distributing vending machines which dispense drinks of various types, candy, etc. He stated that the [redacted] is apparently in good shape financially.

On March 8, 1963, [redacted] Records Bureau, Eau Claire Police Department, advised the records of that department contained no record of arrest for [redacted]

On March 8, 1963, [redacted] stock brokers, advised he was formerly associated with [redacted] family in the vending and candy business, and he knew [redacted] at that time. He said [redacted] had the reputation for being a hard worker and a very reputable individual in the trade. He stated he knew of nothing unfavorable concerning [redacted]

Date March 14, 1963

ALBERT ALBANA, also known as "Cadillac Al" was interviewed on March 7, 1963 and was advised that he did not have to make any statements, that any statements he made could be used against him in a court of law and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

ALBANA advised that he was born February 1, 1901 in New York City and that he has been a resident of Kenosha, Wisconsin for about 46 years, having come to Kenosha from New York City. He advised that with regard to his employment he had a fox and mink ranch in Benton Township, Illinois shortly after arriving in Kenosha. He advised that when World War II started he was asked to work in a defense plant because of his age and he went to work at the Kaiser Shipyards, Swan Island, Portland, Oregon, where he was employed from about 1942 to 1944. He stated that he arrived back in Kenosha, Wisconsin in about 1944 and since that time has been employed at J. I. Case Company in Racine, Wisconsin, Nash, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Simmons Mattress in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He stated that because of his health he has had no employment for the past five or six years and that he lives off of his wife's income, adding that his wife works at American Motors.

He stated that he was arrested in 1929 on a bootlegging charge, and was sentenced in Federal Court to serve a term of 13 months which he served at the House of Correction in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. He advised that he has been arrested on several other occasions but was not convicted. He declined to name the dates that he was arrested and also the charge for which he was arrested since he was not convicted of any of these charges.

He advised that at the present time he is having marital difficulty and that he only spends three or four nights a week at home. He stated that his marital difficulties stem from the fact that his present wife is going through her change of life and is very difficult to get along with. When asked where he was spending the remaining days of each week he declined to answer and when he was asked by the interviewing Agents if he was spending this time at Dante's Bar he stated "Well, if you know the answer, why did you ask."

On 3/7/63 at Kenosha, Wisconsin File # MI 162-49
MI 92-316
by SAs WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR., JOHN A.
HOLTZMAN and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM /jb Date dictated 3/8/63

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ALBANA was asked if it was true that he was employed by JOHN RIZZO who operates a gambling game next door to Greco's Restaurant. He said he was not so employed. When he was asked if it was true that he was employed as a doorman for RIZZO at RIZZO's gambling game, he denied that he was so employed. When he was asked if he knew JOHN RIZZO he said he did and that he has known RIZZO for about five years. He stated that he knows RIZZO only from hanging around Greco's Restaurant and doesn't know what RIZZO does for a living. When he was asked if he knew that RIZZO ran a gambling game next door to Greco's Restaurant, he stated that we would have to ask RIZZO about that, adding that he doesn't delve into other people's personal business.

When ALBANA was asked whether or not he knew DOMINIC PRINCIPE, he stated that PRINCIPE was a long-time friend of his and that he, ALBANA, was the godfather of PRINCIPE's youngest daughter. He stated that he has not seen PRINCIPE for about two weeks, adding that PRINCIPE, who is also known to him as "Popeye," has a restaurant and apartment houses in Lake Zurich, Illinois and spends most of his time there. He stated that PRINCIPE comes into Kenosha only on weekends. When he was asked if he has been to PRINCIPE's home within the past few weeks he stated that he did not recall but added that he has been to PRINCIPE's home on at least one occasion since the beginning of the year. He advised that PRINCIPE does not associate with the west side gang in Kenosha who all hang out at Greco's Restaurant from time to time, adding that PRINCIPE is busy with his business in Lake Zurich, Illinois and works on his home, which he is building in Kenosha, when he is in Kenosha on weekends. When asked if PRINCIPE had anything to do with the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT he stated that he didn't know and added that he didn't think so, stating that PRINCIPE is not that type of an individual.

When ALBANA was asked whether or not he knew WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI he stated that he has known COVELLI all of his life. He stated that COVELLI is about 40 years old. When he was asked whether he knew what type of work COVELLI was doing, he stated that he does not know what COVELLI does for a living, adding that we would have to ask COVELLI about that. When it was pointed out to him that he claims to have known COVELLI all of COVELLI's life and that having known him that long it

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was only logical that he should know what COVELLI does for a living, he stated that he doesn't delve into the personal business of his friends. When he was asked if he knew that COVELLI was working at RIZZO's gambling game, he stated he did not know this.

He advised that he has absolutely no business affiliation with either WILLIAM COVELLI or JOHN RIZZO. He denied that he sometimes travels with COVELLI and RIZZO and specifically denied having been in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the last week in December of 1962 or the first week in January of 1963 with both RIZZO and COVELLI. When it was pointed out to him that we had information from reliable sources to the effect that he was in Milwaukee to see the Harlem Globetrotters during the first week of January, 1963 and in fact was seen at Gallagher's Steak House in the company of RIZZO and COVELLI, he emphatically denied any such association. When he was asked if RIZZO and COVELLI were in Milwaukee the first week in January of 1963, he stated he did not know whether or not they were, adding that we would have to ask them. He advised that he never heard of Gallagher's Steak House in Milwaukee and also never heard of the Talk of the Town in Milwaukee. He stated that he could not even recall when he was in Milwaukee the last time.

He was shown photographs of the following individuals and denied knowing or seeing any of these individuals. He also denied having any association with any of these individuals:

FRANK BALISTRIERI
STEVE DE SALVO
BUSTER BALESTRERE
AUGIE MANIACI
FRANCIS STELLOH

JOE GURERA
PETER BALISTRIERI

WALTER BROCCA

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ALBANA denied having any part in the abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT. He also denied having any knowledge of this crime. He advised that he had absolutely no idea who may have abducted and murdered BIERNAT nor did he have any idea as to why BIERNAT was killed. He advised that he knew BIERNAT but did not know him well, adding that this was a terrible crime. When it was pointed out to ALBANA that we had information from various sources to the effect that he had participated in this

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crime, he emphatically denied this, adding that our information was incorrect. He advised that if we would check back through his past history we would find that he is not a violent man. When he was asked if he would agree to taking a polygraph test he advised that he would have to consult his attorney first. He added that after consulting his attorney he probably would agree to taking such a test. When he was asked to sign a waiver in preparation for taking a polygraph test he declined to do so, stating he wanted to consult his attorney first.

The following description was taken from interview and observation:

Name:	ALBERT (no middle name) ALBANA, also known as "Cadillac Al"
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Birth Date:	February 1, 1901
Birth Place:	New York City
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Hair:	Brown, graying, receding
Eyes:	Brown, wears glasses
Scar:	1½" scar in hairline over left eyebrow (not readily noticeable)
First Wife:	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] does not know his present whereabouts
Second Wife:	MUREL, nee Shapilloz, 2714 - 25th Avenue, Kenosha, Wis., [REDACTED] [REDACTED] step-daughter ANITA, deceased five years ago; [REDACTED]
Brothers & Sisters:	None
Parents:	Deceased

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ME 102-49

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On February 26, 1963, ME T-2 advised that Subject, BILL COVELLI, and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO of Kenosha, Wisconsin, visited Milwaukee on Saturday, [redacted] and spent a good part of the evening with FRANK PETER DALISTRERI [redacted]. Informant said COVELLI appeared to be scared and that DALISTRERI advised them that they would have [redacted].

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On February 27, 28, 1963 and March 1, 1963, spot checks conducted of COVELLI's residence at 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, reflected COVELLI was staying close to his home and/or was visiting Greco's Restaurant, 2200 56th Street, Kenosha, which is also the listed address of COVELLI's Kenosha Vending Company business operation. COVELLI currently is driving a 1963 Dodge Dart, white in color, 1963 Wisconsin license E 84-521, registered to the Kenosha Vending Co. with address given of his home at 7827 36th Avenue. In residence garage was old model Rambler, 1963 Wisconsin license G 84-549, registered to ELEANORE V. COVELLI, same home address.

On February 25, 1963, ME T-1 advised the craps and poker gambling games operated by JOHN CHARLES RIZZO at Kenosha, in which Subject COVELLI is associated, are not operating due to "heat" from the BILLYNAT murder and [redacted].

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On March 11, 1963, ME T-2 advised [redacted].

Informant there is a small "craps" game being conducted in rear of Friendly Tavern, 6210 14th Avenue, Kenosha, but this is allegedly only for the colored element and the West Side Italian crowd is not involved. Informant said he also learned BILL "WEISER" COVELLI left Kenosha during the middle of the previous week, possibly on the 4th or 5th of March and was said to have gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas and that RIZZO possibly also may have gone to the same place. Informant also said he learned COVELLI has some spot on 27th Avenue, Kenosha, exact address not yet learned, where he stores his cigaretto machines and also has some juke boxes stored there.

On March 12, 1963, ME T-1 advised he telephoned [redacted] Kenosha, on March 11, 1963 and asked to talk to COVELLI or AL ALBANA. [redacted] refused to tell him where either was but only said they were out of town and not available. Informant also said that [redacted] told [redacted] was scheduled to fly to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on [redacted].

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March 12, 1963 to meet with COVELLI who was already there [redacted]

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Spot checks of COVELLI's residence at Kenosha on March 11-14, 1963 failed to locate COVELLI's 1963 Dodge Dart, 1963 Wisconsin license E 84-521.

On March 15, 1963, Chief of Police LEROY JEWKINS, Racine, Wisconsin, advised that one of his men, Detective RONALD KCHICEK, that date made a pretext call to RIZZO's daughter, Mrs. HELENE HILMAUER, telephone 637-3442, in Racine.

On March 15, 1963, [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin Police Department advised he made a pretext call to [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin and asked for RIZZO. She said she had heard from [redacted] the night before and they told her they were in Amarillo, Texas and would be leaving the next day for Las Vegas, Nevada and that BILL COVELLI and his wife were with them. She said [redacted] had left Racine, Wisconsin on March 10, 1963 and she was expecting them back in 10 or 12 days from the March 15 date and expected that would be around March 25, 1963.

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On March 18, 1963, [redacted]

Wisconsin, advised that [redacted]

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DEO also stated that [redacted]

[redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin and [redacted]

[redacted] and also operator of [redacted]

Kenosha, Wisconsin and [redacted] and JOHN RIZZO were all close friends of WEISER COVELLI. She stated that at one time

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COVELLI was in partnership with [redacted] doing business at [redacted] in Kenosha, Wisconsin prior to [redacted]

She also advised that, shortly after ANTONY BIERNAT's death, she had made a statement to [redacted]

On March 18, 1963, MI T-1 advised he had heard that [redacted] a Milwaukee gambler, was down in Hot Springs, Arkansas and was supposed to meet JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there on that same day. They were planning to [redacted]

On March 28, 1963, MI T-3 advised Bureau agents that he has known BILL "WEISER" COVELLI since 1951 and thinks that he is currently in Los Angeles, California, where [redacted] by the name of (FNU [redacted] who uses the name [redacted])

MI T-3 on March 28, 1963, stated that BILL COVELLI's mother is living at 7827 36th Avenue, with BILL and ELEANORE COVELLI. Informant also advised that [redacted]

On the same date, MI T-3 stated that WEISER COVELLI is a partner of [redacted] in the Kenosha Vending Company, 5611 22nd Avenue, and that [redacted] approximately 23 years old, is a route collector for the Kenosha Vending Co.

MI T-3 stated on March 28, 1963 that on February 18, 1963, he attended a party at [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin and observed [redacted] and [redacted] Kenosha Police Department, WEISER COVELLI, [redacted] AL "CADILLAC AL" ALBANA, [redacted] and several other gamblers, all from the Kenosha area, at this party. He stated that [redacted] were sitting with WEISER COVELLI the better part of the entire evening.

MI T-3 stated on the same date that he overheard [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] He also stated
that [redacted] had included [redacted]
[redacted] in this statement.

MI T-3 further stated on March 20, 1963 that, sometime in
December, 1962, prior to Christmas, WEISER COVELLI [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] WEISER COVELLI did not show any
recognition of this man as he [redacted] or when
he walked past COVELLI as he left [redacted]

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On February 20, 1963, MI T-4 advised that on Saturday evening,
February 23, 1963, FRANK BALISTRERI, JOHN RIZZO and WEISER
COVELLI met at [redacted] and talked alone for the most part
but for a short time with [redacted] COVELLI was described by
Informant as a "weak sister" and he appeared to be very scared
on this occasion. During the evening, BALISTRERI made state-
ments that [redacted]

[redacted] and that, as a result of the DIERNAT killing, heat
was coming in from all over this area, including Kenosha,
Antioch, Illinois, where the Vernon Hill County Club was located,
and even from Elgin, Illinois, resulting in a disgusted attitude
as to BALISTRERI's and JOE GUREJA's activities in killing
DIERNAT.

On March 12, 1963, MI T-1 advised he telephoned [redacted] at
[redacted] on March 11, 1963 and
asked to talk to COVELLI or AL ALBANA. [redacted] refused to tell
him where either was, but only said they were out of town and
not available. Informant said that [redacted] told [redacted]
[redacted] was scheduled to fly to Hot Springs, Arkansas on March
12, 1963 to meet with COVELLI, who was already there [redacted]
[redacted]

On March 18, 1963, MI T-1 advised he had heard that [redacted]
a Milwaukee gambler, was down at Hot Springs, Arkansas and
was supposed to meet JOHNNY RIZZO and BILL COVELLI there on
that same day. They were planning to [redacted]
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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At Racine, Wisconsin

On March 10, 1953, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin Police Department, advised that in regard to the names of individuals which had been obtained from [REDACTED] they had the following information:

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[REDACTED] is a well known attorney and former United States Congressman.

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JOHN C. RIZZO, 1006 Emmertson Road, Racine County, is a known gambler and partner of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI.

DAVE SHEFF is a known gambler and at one time was reported to have had a "piece" of the Kenosha game operated by COVELLI and RIZZO at 22nd Avenue and 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The Hobby Lobby Tavern, 1351 State Street, is also the location of "BIG ED'S" Hotel (a rooming house), reportedly operated by one [REDACTED] is believed to have been residing at this rooming house for some period of time and [REDACTED] is a close friend of JOHN C. RIZZO, Kenosha gambler. [REDACTED] is further reported to [REDACTED] at RIZZO's and COVELLI's game in Kenosha, and as far as is known [REDACTED] has had no legitimate employment for some period of time.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of JOHN C. RIZZO.

The [REDACTED] is operated by one [REDACTED] who operated the Realty business from his home, [REDACTED]. This individual is reported to be [REDACTED] by JOHN C. RIZZO and is, in fact, [REDACTED] at one time was reportedly [REDACTED] in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

STANLEY KOJCZKO, [REDACTED] was last known to be employed by the J. I. Case Company as a laborer and [REDACTED] at one time was [REDACTED] up to approximately one year ago. WALTER KOJCZKO then opened a bar known as the Elmwood Bar and Restaurant, 2427 Lathrop Avenue, and after approximately six months sold out the business and began working at American Motors in Kenosha, Wisconsin. WALTER KOJCZKO's name has come up with regard to possible gambling

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when other gambling inquiries had been conducted by the Racine Police Department in the Racine area.

[redacted]
[redacted] is also suspected of having a phone which is used by [redacted]
[redacted] and it is believed that [redacted] has made
calls to WILLIAM "WEISER" COVILLI from this phone. [redacted]
[redacted]

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The Elk's Club at 601 Lake Avenue is a place which has in the past been suspected of being the hangout of [redacted] and it is believed that he has on occasion used the public telephones for possible gambling purposes. The identities of the callers are not known to the Special Detail of the Racine Police Department. It is to be noted, however, that officers of the Elk's Club at Racine, Wisconsin, have publicly declared in the past their desire to have no one frequent the club who might be a professional gambler.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
April 5, 1963

Title

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Reference

**Report of SA [REDACTED],
captioned and dated as above.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

3/29/63

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
From: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
IGA
OO: Milwaukee

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/22/63.

On 3/25/63 a spot check of WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI's residence, 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, disclosed a 1959 Chevrolet Impala sport coupe, white color, 1963 Wisconsin Registration No. [redacted], parked on the driveway close to COVELLI's house. There were no other cars in the area and no unusual activity was noted. A check was made with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office and they advised that the above vehicle is registered to [redacted] [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin. The Kenosha City Directory lists [redacted] as [redacted] for [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, which is located [redacted] [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin. [redacted] are close associates of BILL COVELLI.

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On 3/26/63 Bureau Agents observed a Rambler, black, 1963 Wisconsin Registration No. G34-549, parked close to the garage door at COVELLI's residence, which car is registered to ELEANOR COVELLI. Immediately in back of this vehicle was another black Rambler, 1963 Wisconsin Registration No. [redacted] which is registered to [redacted]

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On 3/27/63 ELEANOR COVELLI's car was parked in the same location as noted on 3/26/63 and there were no other vehicles in the area and no activity was noted.

On 3/23/63 [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised Bureau Agents that she was employed as [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, and has been steadily employed at [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she has known BILL "WEISER" COVELLI since 1951 and thinks that he is currently in Los Angeles, California, where [redacted] by the name of (FNU) [redacted]

[redacted] stated that BILL COVELLI's mother is living at the 7827 - 36th Avenue address with BILL and ELEANOR COVELLI. She also advised that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that WEISER COVELLI is a partner of [redacted] in the Kenosha Vending Company, 5611 - 22nd Avenue, and that a [redacted] approximately 23 years old, is a route collector for Kenosha Vending Company.

[redacted] stated that on February 18, 1963 [redacted] attended a party at [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin, and observed [redacted] Kenosha Police Department, WEISER COVELLI, [redacted] AL "CADILLAC AL" ALBANA, [redacted] and several other gamblers, all from [redacted]

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Kenosha, at this party. She stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were sitting with WEISER COVELLI the better part of the evening.

[redacted] stated that she overheard [redacted]

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She also stated that [redacted] had included [redacted] in this statement.

[redacted] stated that sometime in December, 1962, prior to Christmas, WEISER COVELLI [redacted]

[redacted] also stated that WEISER COVELLI did not show any recognition of this man [redacted] or when he walked past COVELLI as he left [redacted]

On 3/23/63 a spot check of WEISER COVELLI's home disclosed that he and his wife, ELEANOR, arrived home at 10:22 p.m. in a white 1963 Dodge Dart.

On 3/29/63 [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, made a pretext telephone call to COVELLI's

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home and ELEANOR COVELLI advised him that WEISER COVELLI was at the doctor's and would not be home until late afternoon.

4/5/63

AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

To: Director, FBI (162-777)
From: SAC, Milwaukee (162-49) P
Subject: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 3/29/63.

WEEKLY CULINARY AIRTEL

On 4/1/63, information was received at Kenosha, Wisc., that an anonymous woman had called the Kenosha Resident Agency 3/30/63 and advised that Subject was in company of [redacted] Kenosha, Wisc., PD, at Geronimo's Tavern, 2201 - 56th St., Kenosha, most of the evening on 3/29/63. This meeting was apparently just between [redacted] and COVELLI as no other persons were mentioned as being in attendance.

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On 4/1/63, [redacted] advised that he had heard nothing further regarding current activities or plans to resume gambling operations by Subject and RIZZO in Kenosha, Wisc.

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SA William J. Higgins, Jr.

[redacted] (NA)
Police Department, City of Kenosha, Wis.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At Kenosha, Wis.

At 4:20PM, 3/30/63, a woman who refused to give her name but is believed identical with [redacted] called the R/A and asked for "SA HIGGINS" whose name was furnished her by SA [redacted]

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This woman stated that "WEISER" COVELLI is back in Kenosha as of 3/29/63 and between the hours of 7:30PM and 10:00PM was observed, that date, drinking in the company of [redacted] at GEROLMO'S Tavern, 56th and 22nd Ave., Kenosha. She advised she had promised to call when COVELLI got back to town and was seen by her and this was the first occasion she had done so.

cc: 1- [redacted] file
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: 4/4/63

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Dates of Contact		3/22/63	
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
SAN CEFALU; [redacted]		IGA-LTs	162-23 [redacted]
WILLIAM COVELLI, IGA-WS			162-49 [redacted]
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR			92-164 HIGGINS
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR			92-257 HOLTZMAN
[redacted] IGA-WS			162-2 KNICKREHM
[redacted] ITX			165-45 THOMPSON
Purpose and results of contact		CIP	92-145 THOMPSON
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE		IGA	162-1 [redacted]
<input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE			
<p>Informant advised that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were definitely in Hot Springs on Monday, 3/13/63, where they met [redacted] and that [redacted]</p>			
<p>Informant advised that he learned that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO went to the Los Angeles area to see [redacted] and while there at [redacted] club in Encino, California, they ran into [redacted] and [redacted]. He does not know exactly when they were in Los Angeles but believes it was prior to their meeting with [redacted] in Hot Springs, Ark. He advised that [redacted] have returned to Milwaukee but that [redacted] is still away, presumably in Las Vegas, and he does not know the present</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Excellent	Coverage
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whereabouts of RIZZO and COVELLI. Informant further advised that when [redacted] went to Hot Springs, Ark., he was warned by the outfit, chiefly by STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA, to keep clear and not to get in any trouble with any of the other hoodlums who might be there. He advised that he learned that [redacted] has been taking part in a big poker game operated by some of the Chicago syndicate at the Park Hotel in Hot Springs, Ark., and has lost a great deal of money. [redacted] is in trouble in Hot Springs, Ark., over this debt and is telephonically contacting some of his friends in Milwaukee trying to get them to send some money to him so he can get out of trouble. He stated that on 3/22/63, [redacted] called, among other people, [redacted] and gave him phone number as National 3-7722, Room 215, Hot Springs, Ark. He further advised that SAM CEFALU [redacted] on 3/19 or 3/20/63. He stated that [redacted] may possibly get killed by the Chicago outfit if he doesn't come up with some money as he lost heavily in the poker game. Informant said that the Milwaukee outfit through STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA has refused to send [redacted] any money or to help him in any way.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **MILWAUKEE** [redacted]

DATE: **2-26-63**

FROM : SA **JOHN A. HOLTZMAN**

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact 2-26-63		
Titles and File #s on which contacted:		
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN	
WALTER ELACHIN BROCCA - AR	92-57 ENICKHEIM	
FRANK PETER DALLISTRINI, aka AR	94-316 HOLTZMAN	
STEVE JOHN DE SALVO - AR	92-163 ENICKHEIM	
EUSTIANO VITO BALSTERNER, aka AR	92-166 ENICKHEIM	
JOHN CHARLES HIGGS - AR	92-164 HIGGINS	
Purpose and results of contact	WILLIAM COVELLI, 204-23 162-49 HIGGINS ANTHONY J. BERNARD - Murder 79-26	
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<p>Informant furnished the following information re FRANK PETER DALLISTRINI and associates:</p> <p>On Saturday evening, February 23, 1963, DALLISTRINI, JOHN HIGGS and WILLIAM COVELLI met at [redacted] and talked alone for the most part, but for a short time with [redacted]. COVELLI was described by informant as a weak sister, and he appeared to be very scared on this occasion. During the evening, DALLISTRINI made statements indicating that [redacted] and that as a result of the BERNARD killing, most was coming in from all over this area including Kenosha, Antioch, Illinois, where the Vernon Hills Country Club was located, as an aftermath of the BERNARD killing and even from Elgin, Illinois resulting in a disgusted attitude as to [redacted]</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating GOOD	Coverage All matters
Personal Data		

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BALISTRIERI's and GUNERA's activities in killing BERNAT.

It was a matter of conjecture among Italian businessmen outside the outfit to the effect that GUNERA and BUSTER BALESTRENE will be leaving Milwaukee shortly because of all the heat that they have brought on the city and will possibly go back to Kansas City. Informant said there was no word that he knew of from [REDACTED] to this effect.

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Informant said that on February 20, 1963 either PETER BALISTRIERI or DOMINIC PRINZI brought GUNERA and STEVE DE SALVO to [REDACTED]

BALISTRIERI, according to the informant, is taking all possible means to "cover his tracks" on the Internal Revenue case against him, and is arranging with contacts throughout the country to account for his assets on the basis of loans from these people.

Internal Revenue is apparently aware of this, as they are known to have checked the list who allegedly loaned FRANK some money and found out that he had, in fact, made a loan to BALISTRIERI.

With regard to the BERNAT murder, informant said that there has been absolutely no talk brought to his attention to shed any light on the details of this or the specific individuals involved.

Informant said that from what he has heard of the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He feels that WALTER BROCCA would be a very good suspect, because of his experience in trenching and cement work. Informant said that Kenosha is now closed tight as a result of the BERNAT killing.

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Items of information known about [REDACTED] informant were furnished to this informant in an effort to determine who it might be, and he suggested that [REDACTED] might fit the description as he is closely associated with [REDACTED] and BROCCA and has known to have gone to California for a period of time in recent years, and is now back in Milwaukee. Informant did not know of GUSENA ever having anything to do with operation of [REDACTED] but did say he considered it to be a benefit.

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Informant said that he had heard that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and informant is at a complete loss to understand the reason for this as [REDACTED] is believed by him to be an old-time powerful figure who is now completely out of the picture.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 4/6/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact	
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Titles and File #s on which contacted	
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	02-257 HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 HIGGINS
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka ICA	162-49 [redacted]
ICA	162-1 [redacted]
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON
Purpose and results of contact	
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Informant stated that there is no talk at all concerning the ANTHONY BIERNAT killing.	
Informant was questioned concerning any possible meaning of the result of a FBI Laboratory report, which reflected that urin was found present in BIERNAT's shirt and upper garments, which were submitted to the Laboratory. Informant stated that this indicated to him that it was definitely an Italian gangland killing as local Italians in contempt will say to another person, "I'll live long enough to urinate on your grave." He stated that this is a very common expression among hoodlums and would be an expression of contempt to do this after killing a man.	
In regards to [redacted] possibly being involved in the killing, informant stated [redacted] is a rather elderly man	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent
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and would not be trusted in such a killing. He stated [REDACTED] is also very hard of hearing and can hardly hear anyone without a hearing aid. He advised [REDACTED] very possibly does know CADILLAC AL ALFANA and the rest of JOHNNY RIZZO's gang in Kenosha as [REDACTED] in Racine for years and also lived at Kenosha for a period of time.

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Informant was questioned concerning [REDACTED] a Kenosha gambler who upon questioning by FBI Agents had denied knowing any Milwaukee gamblers, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GUERRA or DUSTER DALESTRENE. He also denied knowing anything about the gambling operations of JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIE COVELLI and denied that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant stated that [REDACTED]

he is quite certain that the individuals that did this were from the group composed of DUSTER DALESTRENE, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GUERRA, WILLIE COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO. He also advised that he has seen [REDACTED] playing cards with DUSTER DALESTRENE at Rizzo's gambling place in Kenosha and knows that [REDACTED] plays gin rummy and poker from time to time with COVELLI, RIZZO and CADILLAC AL at [REDACTED] gambling place and at RIZZO's.

Informant stated that he does not know whether JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIE COVELLI have returned home from their trip to Hot Springs, Ark., Las Vegas, Nev., and Los Angeles, California, but will find out in the near future.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P -
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/5/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 4/4/63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were definitely in Hot Springs on Monday, 3/18/63 where they met [redacted] and that [redacted]

Informant also advised that he learned that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO went to the Los Angeles area to see [redacted] and while there at [redacted] in Encino, California they ran into [redacted]

Informant stated he does not know exactly when they were in Los Angeles but believes it was prior to their meeting with [redacted] in Hot Springs, Ark. Informant also advised that [redacted] have returned to Milwaukee but that [redacted] is still away, presumably in Las Vegas and he does not know the present whereabouts of RIZZO and COVELLI.

On 4/11/63, [redacted] Kenosha SO, advised that "WEISER" COVELLI and [redacted] Kenosha PD, were observed on numerous occasions at the horse races in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] stated this information

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was received from an anonymous caller to the Kenosha SO and this caller said, "We've done some gambling and go to the races in Chicago and we have seen COVELLI and [redacted] there almost every day".

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On 4/11/63, [redacted] also advised that hoodlums in Kenosha do not want [redacted] to go and are mustering forces in order to put pressure on [redacted] to get them to retain [redacted] as Kenosha's [redacted] stated that the investigation on [redacted] was stopped by the Kenosha mayor because too many people would have been hurt if the investigation on [redacted] had continued.

On 4/11/63 [redacted]
[redacted] Racine PD, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted] Racine, Wisconsin, had [redacted] as [redacted]
[redacted] in Racine. [redacted] was [redacted] for
the RIZZO - COVELLI games in Kenosha but due to current heat at Kenosha, the games have not been in operation. [redacted] has made the statement that he has had to get a regular job now that the games have been discontinued.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

OO: MILWAUKEE

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 4/12/63

On 4/10/63, [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that [redacted] and [redacted] of Milwaukee, were also in "Hot Springs, Arkansas" while "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO were there and that COVELLI and RIZZO wine and dined [redacted] and paid a great deal of attention to [redacted] Informant said that he did not know the significance of COVELLI's and RIZZO's paying so much attention to [redacted] but it possibly could be in view of the fact that [redacted] in the trial of FRANK BALISTRIERI, on a charge of allowing "B" girls to sit at tables with customers. He pointed out that if BALISTRIERI is found guilty of the charge, he will very possibly lose his liquor license at "The Downtowner" in Milwaukee.

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Informant stated he also understood that [redacted] along with COVELLI and RIZZO, went to a hotel and watched a crap game there. Informant does not know whether [redacted] participated in the game. He stated in this particular game there were six tables of crap games and pointed out he does not know the name of the particular hotel but did learn that [redacted] were the entertainers at this hotel at that time. He also advised that [redacted] a Milwaukee bookie, was

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there along with a friend of JOE GURERA, from Kansas City. Informant stated from what he could learn there are four big crap games going on in Hot Springs, the majority of which are backed by the Chicago syndicate. There are two crap games located in downtown hotels, one near a race track and another one that moves from place to place and is of a seasonal nature in that it is just operated during the horse race season.

Informant also advised that he has also learned that BILL COVELLI's and JOHNNY RIZZO's crap game in Kenosha was still closed down.

On 4/16/63, [] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that COVELLI and RIZZO definitely have not re-opened their crap game at Kenosha.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC
William J. Higgins, Jr.

DATE:

4/19/63

FR : [redacted] aka

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SUBJECT:
3/11/63, 4/19/63

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Dates of Contact	[redacted] aka IAN 166-85	[redacted]
Titles and	[redacted] aka 168-47	(Higgins)
	WILLIAM C. COVILLI AR 162-49	[redacted]
Purpose and results of contact	<p>FCI advised 3/11/63 that the only "action" game then going on in the City of Kansas that he has learned of is a small "craps" game on 63rd St. at the rear of the Friendly Tavern which is run for colored only and the [redacted] is not involved.</p> <p>FCI said that "WESLEY" COVILLI is alleged to have gone to Hot Springs Ark. on 3/4-5/63 by car, and that JOHN WITTE possibly is accompanying him on this trip. Also, that [redacted] was said to be in the Kansas Hospital during the latter part of the week of March 4th, 1963, with some liver infection.</p> <p>FCI also advised that [redacted] has always had a small "horse" book operating until [redacted] operations were strictly of a minor nature to help pay overhead expenses.</p> <p>On 4/19/63, FCI said that in the last two weeks certain of the gamblers in Kansas started opening up but only in the fields of horse betting and on sports such as baseball. In this regard, a "friend" of COVILLI, who has not yet been identified, has visited a number of the latter known horse track and sports centers such as [redacted] with view to have these gamblers join with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in a central booking arrangement</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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PCI advised that to his knowledge [redacted]

[redacted] PCI also said that horse bets have been taken recently at [redacted]

PCI said that this whole arrangement appears to be an effort on part of RIZZO, and unquestionably COVELLI, to "take over" all horse and baseball betting operations in Kenosha under guise of "service". PCI said that Kenosha still is tight on any "craps" and poker gambling and that none of the more famous spots as RIZZO's and [redacted] have reopened. [redacted] PCI added that rumor is out that [redacted] has [redacted] up for sale; that [redacted] who [redacted] at [redacted] is now a partner with [redacted] and [redacted]

and it appears that all the gamblers are trying to get into some legitimate business for the time being.

PCI said that [redacted] Kenosha, is operated strictly as a legitimate [redacted] and as far as known [redacted] would have no dealings whatever with RIZZO or COVELLI, and would be too smart to go along with any central booking joint with RIZZO, mainly because horsebet gambling isn't that big. PCI said that [redacted]

[redacted] RIVER JUNE BIERMAN'S BOAT WAS FOUND. and this [redacted]

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Date: 4/25/63

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Via _____
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RADIOGRAM

URGENT

TO: SAC, DETROIT

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) 251723

WILLIAM C. COVELLI, AKA, AR.

PLEASE OBTAIN IF POSSIBLE AND FURNISH TO THIS OFFICE
A KEY TO SIXTYTHREE DODGE DART WAGON, IDENT NUMBER FOUR FIVE
TWO TWO ONE FOUR THREE EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN.

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Holtzman

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 12:26 P M Per WCP

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4/26/63

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) P
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka,
IGA
OO: MILWAUKEE

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 4/20/63.

On 4/16/63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHNNY RIZZO definitely have not reopened their crap game in Kenosha.

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On 4/19/63 [redacted] PCI, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that in the last two weeks certain of the gamblers in Kenosha started opening up but only in the fields of horse betting and on sports such as baseball. In this regard a "friend" of COVELLI who has not yet been identified has visited a number of the better known horse race and sports ramblers such as [redacted]

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[redacted] with a view to have these gamblers join with JOHN RIZZO in a central booking arrangement where all the bets would be called into one central location to be established. Callers were to use only "pay" stations to make the calls and were to vary these locations so as not to establish a routine and in addition were to make these calls only at certain times of the day which would be set up and changed around. [redacted]

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PCI said that this whole arrangement appears to be an effort on the part of RIZZO and unquestionably COVELLI to "take over" on horse and baseball betting operations in Kenosha under guise of "service." PCI said that Kenosha still is tight on any "craps" and poker gambling and that none of the more famous spots such as RIZZO's and [REDACTED] have reopened. PCI added that rumor is out that [REDACTED] has [REDACTED] up for sale; that [REDACTED] who ran the boxer games at [REDACTED] is now a partner with [REDACTED] in a [REDACTED] and it appears that all the gamblers are trying to get into some legitimate business for the time being.

On 4/23/63 [REDACTED] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that as far as he knows COVELLI and RIZZO have not been to Milwaukee to see FRANK BALISTRERI or STEVE DE SALVO since they returned from Hot Springs, Arkansas. He advised that he is quite certain that COVELLI and RIZZO will not open their crap game in Kenosha for quite a period of time due to the heat from the BIERNAT killing.

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Date: 4/29/63

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (92-1072) (RUC)

WILLIAM C. COVELLI, aka. 162-49
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Re Milwaukee radiogram to Detroit, 4/25/63.

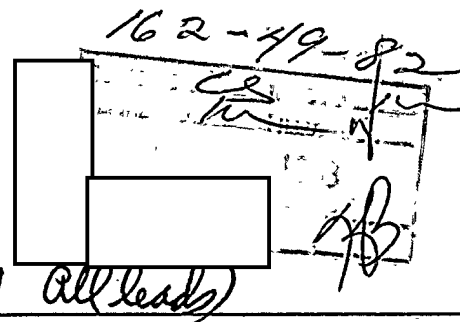
[redacted] Chrysler Corp.,
Highland Park, Mich., advised SA [redacted] 4/26/63,
that the code for Chrysler prod. ignition keys is not available
and that a record of these keys has not been kept for several
yrs. [redacted] stated, quite often this information is kept by the
dealer from whom the car was purchased.

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The Dodge Dart wagon referred to in referenced radio-
gram is a 1962 model shipped from Detroit, Mich., on 3/5/62.
It was sold to the Lakeshore Motors, 8124 S. Sheridan Rd.,
Kenosha, Wis.

It is suggested the above-mentioned dealer be contacted
for the code and key to the car mentioned in referenced radiogram.

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Approved: Bur Sent M Per
Special Agent in Charge

May 3, 1963

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) -P-

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
IGA
(OO: MILWAUKEE)

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/26/63.

During the week of April 29 through May 3, 1963, Bureau agents have conducted loose surveillance of subject at his residence at 7827 - 36th Avenue, and at his place of business, Kenosha Vending Company, 5611 - 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, without developing any unusual activity. Subject apparently staying close to his home and occasionally frequents Gerolmo's Wholesale Liquor Business and Greco's Restaurant, both on 56th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

On May 2, 1963, "WEISER" COVELLI was observed by Bureau agents driving his personal car, 1963 Wisconsin registration, E 84-821, on Highway 38, heading south from Milwaukee towards Kenosha.

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On May 2, 1963, [redacted] Waukegan, Illinois (protect identity) advised SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM that some time in November, 1962, "WEISER" COVELLI approached [redacted] with two others identified as JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO. GURERA and DE SALVO, along with COVELLI

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In October, 1962 [redacted] advised he was having lunch at Greco's Restaurant, Kenosha, Wisconsin and "WEISER" COVELLI asked him if he knew the name of the

[redacted]

[redacted] also stated that in his opinion "WEISER" COVELLI definitely knows who killed BIERNAT, but does not believe it was "WEISER" COVELLI who was actually in on the abduction and subsequent murder. He also stated that "WEISER's" brother, JEFF COVELLI, is nutty enough to have pulled the murder but [redacted] has nothing to substantiate his opinion.

5/8/63

PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

REGULAR MAIL

TO: SAC, CHICAGO
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) -P-
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: MILWAUKEE

On 5/7/63 [redacted] Kenosha County CO, Kenosha, Wis., advised he received information that five cigarette vending machines, manufactured by Eastern Electric Co., Medford, Mass., models CM-57-MK2-22, belonging to Dependable Vendors Co., Downers Grove, Cook County, Ill., were stolen and transported to Kenosha, Wis. evening of 5/6/63.

Serial numbers removed on all but one machine and this number was 13555.

Machines alleged to be in J. V. Auto Body Co., 39th Ave. and 60th St., Kenosha, Wis., and were worked on by subject 5/7/63.

Subject, partner in Kenosha Vending Co., 5311 22nd Ave., Kenosha, and suspect in MI file 62-257, abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, former Kenosha juke box vendor.

LEADS

CHICAGO DIVISION - AT DOWNERS GROOVE, ILL.

1. Will contact Dependable Vendors Co. and ascertain if they have had any cigarette vending machines made by Eastern Electric Co., Medford, Mass., stolen recently.

2-Chicago Regular Mail

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2. Will determine if they ever purchased from Eastern Electric Co. a cigarette vending machine serial no. 13555.

3. If cigarette vending machines stolen, will ascertain details of theft.

4. Will expedite coverage of all leads.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION - AT KENOSHA, WIS.

1. Will interview [redacted] employed by [redacted]
Kenosha, re [redacted]
[redacted] to Kenosha.

2. Will interview [redacted] who saw machines being unloaded.

3. Will contact [redacted] Kenosha, re identity of driver who had his Pontiac converted, 1963 Wis. reg. [redacted] during hours of 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on 5/7/63.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 7, 1963

WILLIAM COVELLI

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

The following is a characterization of informants used in the report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned as above:

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MI T-1 is [redacted] who is closely associated with gamblers and other hoodlums in the Milwaukee area, particularly so with those in the Italian-American element and is aware of their current, illegal activities.

MI T-2 is [redacted] who is closely associated [redacted] with a number of Kenosha gamblers, particularly those of the Italian-American element.

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MI T-3 is a Milwaukee source of Italian-American origin [redacted] the Milwaukee Italian-American hoodlum element and who still remains in contact with this group.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MILWAUKEE	DATE 4/5/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/22 - 5/2/63
TITLE OF CASE WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY ah
		CHARACTER OF CASE IGA	

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted], 4/5/63, at Milwaukee;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/5/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/13/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/20/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 4/26/63;
 Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/3/63

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting characterization of informants utilized in this report.

LEADS

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

APPROVED <i>Huc</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES MADE: 3 - Bureau (162-777)(ENCL 7.) 1 - USA, Milwaukee ③ Milwaukee (162-49)	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> 162 - 49 - 86 </div> ROUTE TO [redacted] READ FOR SECURITY AND INITIAL <i>JB</i> DATE <i>5-7-63</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <i>JB</i> </div>				
DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT					
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At Kenosha, Wisconsin

1. ✓ Will attempt to interview Subject at opportune time concerning his involvement in gambling and other racket activities.
2. Will continue to develop current activities and associates of Subject in an effort to ascertain whether he is engaged in interstate gambling in violation of the laws of the United States.
3. Will remain in contact with [REDACTED]
4. Will attempt to develop more sources of information concerning Kenosha gambling and Subject's relation to same.
5. ✓ Will remain in contact with PCI [REDACTED]
6. Will re-interview [REDACTED] Wisconsin.
7. Will obtain current telephone toll call data on OL 2-1390, listed to Subject at 7827 - 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. Will remain in contact with [REDACTED]
2. Will contact PCI [REDACTED] pertaining to gambling activities in Kenosha and the connection Subject has with Milwaukee hoodlum element.

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The period of this report is extended to include information received at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 3/22/63 from [REDACTED] results of which were not available for inclusion in referenced report.

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INFORMANTS

Identity

MI T-1 is [REDACTED] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

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MI T-2 is [REDACTED] PCI [REDACTED] at Kenosha, Wisconsin, contacted by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr.

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MI T-3 is [REDACTED] contacted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

SA [redacted]

Office:

Milwaukee

Date:

May 7, 1963

Field Office File No.:

MI 162-49

Bureau File No.:

162-777

Title:

WILLIAM COVELLI

Character:

INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Synopsis:

MI T-1 advised 3/22/63 that Subject and JOE RIZZO went to Los Angeles area to see [redacted] at [redacted] in Encino, California. MI T-1 advised 4/4/63 that Subject and JOE RIZZO were definitely in Hot Springs, Ark. on Monday, 3/18/63 when they met [redacted] and that [redacted]

[redacted] On 4/9/63, [redacted] advised that a woman in Kenosha, Wis., who has lived among the Italians most of her life, stated that Subject was not the type to have murdered ANTHONY DIENAT, Kenosha jukebox vendor. On 4/10/63, MI T-1 advised that COVELLI and RIZZO wine and dined [redacted] of Milwaukee while they were at Hot Springs, Ark. MI T-1 advised 4/16/63 that Subject and JOE RIZZO definitely have not re-opened their crap game in Kenosha. MI T-2 advised 4/10/63 that in the last two weeks certain of the gamblers in Kenosha started opening up, but only in the fields of horse betting and on sports such as baseball. Informant also advised that a "friend" of Subject has visited a number of the better-known horse race and sports gamblers in Kenosha to have these gamblers join with JOE RIZZO in a central booking arrangement. Informant also stated that this arrangement was unquestionably an effort on the part of COVELLI and RIZZO to "take over" all horse and baseball betting operations in Kenosha under the guise of "a service." MI T-3 advised 4/22/63 that COVELLI and RIZZO met with FRANK BALISTRIERI at [redacted] in Milwaukee one night during the week of 4/14/63. At this meeting, COVELLI remarked he had been on vacation to Hot Springs, Ark.

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DETAILS:

At Kenosha, Wisconsin

On April 19, 1963, MI T-2 advised that in the last two weeks certain of the gamblers in Kenosha started opening up but only in the fields of horse betting and on sports such as baseball. In this regard, a "friend" of COVELLI, who has not been further identified, has visited a number of the better-known horse race and sports gamblers such as [redacted]

[redacted] with a view to having these gamblers join with JOHN CHARLES RIZZO in a central booking arrangement where all the bets will be called into one central location, to be established. Callers were to use only "pay" stations to make the calls and were to vary these locations so as not to establish a routine, and in addition were to make these calls only at certain times of the day, which would be set up and changed around. [redacted]

[redacted] MI T-2 said that this whole arrangement appears to be an effort on the part of RIZZO and unquestionably COVELLI to "take over" on horse and baseball betting operations in Kenosha, under the guise of "service." MI T-2 also said that Kenosha still is tight on any "craps" and "poker" gambling and that none of the more famous spots, such as RIZZO's and [redacted] have re-opened.

He added that rumor is out that [redacted] has [redacted] up for sale and that [redacted] who [redacted] at [redacted] now is a partner with [redacted] in a [redacted] and it appears that all the gamblers are trying to get into some legitimate business for the time being.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ALBERT
B. KNICKREHM:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On April 9, 1963 [] reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel, was interviewed relative to previous information that he reportedly gave [] in which he asked [] if [] had looked into the fact that JEFF COVELLI and [] were seen at the North Shore Railroad Station in Kenosha, Wisconsin on January 7, 1963, the night in which ANTHONY BIERNAT was abducted and murdered. [] also reportedly asked [] if [] had questioned a person by the name of [] who worked at the North Shore Station and who had []

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[] reportedly could identify both COVELLI and [] who was described as a close friend of JEFF COVELLI.

[] stated that with regard to information he gave [] to the effect that JEFF COVELLI was in the North Shore Station on the night of January 7, 1963, that he had received this information from a woman in Kenosha who has lived amongst the Italians most of her life. He advised that this woman told him that if one of the COVELLI boys, referring to JEFF or WILLIAM COVELLI, was responsible for the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, she would have to put the finger on JEFF COVELLI more so than WILLIAM "WEISER".

[] stated that according to this woman, "WEISER" COVELLI would not be the type to have committed this murder, but that in her opinion, JEFF COVELLI would be capable of doing such a thing. [] advised that when he talked to [] he made a much more positive statement to [] then he should have, and that his information was only speculative.

With regard to the name of [] who reportedly worked at the North Shore Station, and had []

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[redacted] stated that this name should have
been [redacted] and not [redacted]

He advised that while [redacted] was employed [redacted]
[redacted] at the North Shore Depot, [redacted] was employed as
[redacted] and that [redacted] was the one
who could identify COVELLI and [redacted]

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On March 22, 1963, MI T-1 advised that JOHN RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were definitely in Hot Springs, Arkansas on March 18, 1963, where they met [redacted] and that [redacted]
[redacted]

MI T-1 also advised that he learned that WILLIAM COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO went to the Los Angeles area to see [redacted] and while there at [redacted] in Encino, California, they ran into [redacted]. He stated he did not know exactly when they were in Los Angeles, but believed it was prior to their meeting with [redacted] in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He advised that [redacted] and [redacted] have returned to Milwaukee, Wisconsin but [redacted] is still away, presumably in Las Vegas, and he does not know the present whereabouts of RIZZO and COVELLI.

MI T-1 advised April 1, 1963 that [redacted] a Kenosha gambler, was [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] but he is quite certain that the individuals who did this were from the group composed of BUSTER DALESTREERE, STEVE DE BALVO, JOE GURERA, WILLIE COVELLI, and JOHN RIZZO. He also advised that he has seen [redacted] playing cards with BUSTER DALESTREERE at RIZZO's gambling place in Kenosha and knows that [redacted] plays gin rummy and poker from time to time with COVELLI, RIZZO, and "CADILLAC AL" ALBANA, at [redacted] gambling place and at RIZZO's.

On April 10, 1963, MI T-1 advised that [redacted] and [redacted] of Milwaukee were also in Hot Springs, Arkansas while JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were there and that RIZZO and COVELLI wine and dined [redacted] and paid a great deal of attention to him. MI T-1 stated that he did not know the significance of COVELLI's and RIZZO's paying so much attention to [redacted] but it could possibly be in view of the fact that [redacted] is at the present time [redacted] in the trial of FRANK BALISTRIERI on a charge of allowing "B" girls to sit at tables with customers. He pointed out that if BALISTRIERI is found guilty of this charge, he will very possibly lose his liquor license at the "Downtown" in Milwaukee. MI T-1 also stated that he has understood that [redacted] along with COVELLI and RIZZO, went to one of the hotels and watched a crap game there. He does not know whether [redacted] participated in this game. He stated in this particular game there were six tables of crap games and while he does not know the name of the particular hotel, he did learn that [redacted] were entertainers at this hotel at that time. He

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also stated that from what he learned, there are four big crap games going on in Hot Springs, Arkansas, the majority of which are backed by the Chicago syndicate. MI T-1 also advised at this time that he had learned that WILLIAM COVELLI's and JOE RIZZO's crap game at Konosha was still closed down.

MI T-1 advised on April 16, 1963 that COVELLI and RIZZO definitely have not re-opened their crap game in Konosha.

MI T-3 advised on April 22, 1963 that JOE RIZZO and WEISER COVELLI met with FRANK BALISTRERI at [redacted] one night during the week of April 14, 1963. At this time, COVELLI remarked that he had been on a vacation to Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 7, 1963**

Title WILLIAM COVELLI

Character INTERSTATE GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

**Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], captioned and dated as
above.**

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/26/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Dates of Contact		4/22/63	
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR		92-257	HOLTZMAN
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, aka AR		94-316	HOLTZMAN
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka IGA		162-49	[REDACTED]
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR		92-164	[REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE			
<p>Informant said that since the last contact there has been absolutely no activity known to him in connection with the hoodlum element in Milwaukee; and, furthermore, there has been no conversation relative to the BIERNAT case. He said the word was out that this matter was not to be discussed.</p> <p>Informant said that JOHN CHARLES RIZZO and WEISER COVELLI met with FRANK BALISTRIERI in [REDACTED] one night during the week of 4/14/63. COVELLI remarked that he had been on a vacation to Hot Springs, Ark., and that the FBI was waiting for him on his return.</p> <p>With regard to BALISTRIERI, informant said that he has a new office located over EUSTER DALESTRENE's residence at 1634 No. Jackson. BALISTRIERI does not know what he is going to do</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage	
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Informant said that JOE GURERA has not returned to Milwaukee from Kansas City to informant's knowledge, and informant believes that GURERA was sent back to Kansas City by BALISTRERI because of the great amount of heat, which was brought to bear on BALISTRERI during the time GURERA was in Milwaukee.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **Milwaukee** [redacted]

DATE: **4/19/63**

FROM : SA **JOHN H. CASSAWAY**

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact		4/10/63	
Titles and File #s on which contacted			
SAN CEFALU	IGA	162-23	[redacted]
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka	IGA	162-49	[redacted]
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka	AR	92-164	[redacted]
CRIME CONDITIONS IN WISCONSIN		92-255	THOMPSON
FRANK PETER PALISTRIERI, aka	AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
[redacted] aka [redacted]		165-73	[redacted]
Purpose and Results of Contact		92-145	THOMPSON
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Informant stated that [redacted] returned to Milwaukee from Hot Springs, Ark., over the past weekend and has been in hiding as he borrowed money when he was in Hot Springs, Ark., and can't pay it back. Informant explained that [redacted] lost a lot of money in the crap game to the Chicago outfit in Hot Springs, Ark., and contacted gamblers in Milwaukee who sent him money to pay off his debt. [redacted]

Informant stated that [redacted] also has returned to Milwaukee from Hot Springs.

He said that he learned that [redacted] and [redacted] of Milwaukee were also in Hot Springs, Ark., while [redacted]

<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent	Coverage Gambling
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JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI were there and that RIZZO and COVELLI wine and dined [REDACTED] and paid a great deal of attention to him. Informant stated that he did not know the significance of COVELLI and RIZZO paying so much attention to [REDACTED] but it could possibly be in view of the fact that [REDACTED] is at the present time [REDACTED] in the trial of FRANK CALISTRIERI on charge of allowing B-girls to sit at tables with customers. He pointed out that if CALISTRIERI is found guilty of this charge he will very possibly lose his liquor license at the Downtowner in Milwaukee.

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He stated that he also understood that [REDACTED] along with COVELLI and RIZZO went to one of the hotels and watched a crap game there. He does not know whether [REDACTED] participated in the game. He stated in this particular game there were six tables of crap games, and while he does not know the name of the particular hotel he did learn that [REDACTED] were entertainers at this hotel at that time. He advised that [REDACTED] was there also together with a friend of JOE GURERA from Kansas City. Informant stated that from what he learned there are four big crap games going on in Hot Springs, Ark., the majority of which are backed by the Chicago syndicate. There are two crap games located in downtown hotels, one near the race track and another one that moves from place to place and is a seasonal game in that it is just operated during the horse racing season.

Informant also advised that he had learned that JOHNNY RIZZO's and WILLIAM COVELLI's game (crap game) at Kencoba was still closed down.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: 4/23/63

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Dates of Contact		4/16/63
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka IGA	162-49	[redacted]
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR	92-164	[redacted]
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR	92-257	HOLTZMAN
UNSUB; [redacted]	87-5955	[redacted]
IGA	162-1	[redacted]
CIP	92-145	THOMPSON
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>Informant advised that [redacted] was in California for a while and went to JOHNNY RIZZO's in Kenosha with [redacted] was very possibly [redacted]. He said that [redacted] recently took off from Milwaukee [redacted].</p> <p>[redacted] information on which informant had previously furnished, and that [redacted] has not returned to Milwaukee as yet. He said that the outfit has put the word out to other Italian outfits throughout the country to kill him because of his actions, but he doubts seriously if this will be done.</p> <p>In regards to [redacted] as a possible suspect in the TONY BIERNAT killing, informant stated that he seriously doubts this. He said that [redacted] is [redacted] who has a very loud mouth and is definitely not the killer type. He also</p>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Excellent
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stated that [redacted] could not be trusted with such a killing as he talks so much and that he is "yellow." He said that [redacted] is a customer at Rizzo's crap game in Kenosha and he is quite certain that neither RIZZO nor COVELLI would hire [redacted] for such a thing as a killing.

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Informant said that JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI definitely have not reopened their crap game in Kenosha.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

OO: MI

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/3/63.

On 4/23/63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that as far as he knows, COVELLI and RIZZO have not been to Milwaukee to see FRANK BALISTRIERI or STEVE DE SALVO since they returned from Hot Springs, Ark. Informant advised that he is quite certain that COVELLI and RIZZO will not open their crap game in Kenosha for quite a period of time due to the heat of the BERNAT killing. The informant also advised in regard to [redacted]

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On 5/7/63, [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised he had received information that five cigarette vending machines manufactured by Eastern Electric Co., Medford, Mass, models CM-57-MKII-22, belonging to Dependable Vendors Co., Downers Grove, Cook County, Ill., were stolen and transported to Kenosha, Wisconsin during the evening of 5/6/63. The serial numbers were removed on all but one of these cigarette vending machines and this number was 13555.

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[redacted] advised these machines were delivered to the Jay Bee Auto Body Paint Shop, 3902 Wilson Road, Kenosha, Wis. and were worked on by an unknown Subject during the evening of 5/7/63.

Subject is a partner in the Kenosha Vending Co., 5611 - 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, Wis. and a suspect in Milwaukee file 92-257, abduction and murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT, former Kenosha jukebox vendor.

In connection with this information, leads have been set out to the Chicago Division in an attempt to ascertain if this information is correct and to obtain facts pertaining to this theft.

On 5/8/63, Bureau agents observed "WEISER" COVELLI traveling north on Route 38. This information was relayed to other Bureau agents and COVELLI, driving a 1963 white Dodge Dart stationwagon, 1963 Wisconsin registration E84-821, was followed to the Metropolitan Block Building, 1012 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wis. COVELLI was observed transferring papers, books, and a tan folder from the white Dodge to a woman who was identified as being small and having auburn or reddish-tinted hair. This woman helped COVELLI take the papers, etc. into the building and onto the elevator.

At the time COVELLI entered the Metropolitan Block Building, Bureau agents observed a black Cadillac convertible, 1963 Illinois registration CA5915 parked in front of the Metropolitan Block Building, 1012 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee.

Shortly after COVELLI departed from the 1012 North 3rd St. building, he entered the white Dodge, bearing Wisconsin registration E 84-821 and headed south toward Route 38, traveling at a high rate of speed. COVELLI attempted to shake the surveilling Bureau agents, but was followed to his residence at 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wis. Upon arrival at his residence, COVELLI drove into the driveway, got out of his car

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and ran into the house. (It was noted by the surveilling agents that the directory of the Metropolitan Block Building, 1012 North 3rd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, listed the following rooms which may have been the rooms that COVELLI entered:

Bal-Fran Bonding Co.
Room 502

[redacted]
Room 522

[redacted] is an accountant and has [redacted] an attorney, as his partner. [redacted] is known to the Milwaukee Division as having done considerable work for the Milwaukee hoodlum element, especially FRANK BALISTRIERI.)

On 5/8/63, Bureau agents also observed 1963 Wisconsin registration [redacted] parked in front of COVELLI's residence. This vehicle is registered to [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin. On this same date, [redacted] Kenosha County S.O. advised that [redacted] was [redacted] in Kenosha and a close friend of "WEISER" COVELLI. He also advised that the Kenosha S.O. had received rumors that [redacted] had participated in [redacted] with DOMINIC "POPEYE" PRINCIPE (Milwaukee file 92-138). [redacted] is currently working as [redacted] in Kenosha and is described as being approximately 6'3" tall, weighing 240 lbs. and has a past history of creating fights and other roughneck activity and as a result any person he has beat up has been afraid to prefer charges.

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On 5/9/63, there was no activity noted at COVELLI's residence and both cars listed to the COVELLI family were gone from the garage. Numerous spot checks of COVELLI's hang-outs failed to locate COVELLI that date.

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-164)

May 10, 1963

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka
AR

In connection with the activities of JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka, AR, and WILLIAM COVELLI, aka, IGA, it is to be noted that as of 2/23/63, [REDACTED] advised SA HIGGINS that RIZZO had a game going somewhere in Kenosha, Wisconsin, despite the pressure by the City Police on all of the regular joints, and that RIZZO's game was said to be somewhere in the vicinity of 63rd and 14th Avenue, Kenosha.

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On April 19, 1963, [REDACTED] PCI advised SA HIGGINS concerning the "friend" of COVELLI who had contacted a number of better-known horse, book, and sports gamblers in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area relative to establishing a central booking establishment.

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In view of the potentially significant aspects of the information furnished by both of these sources to SA HIGGINS relative to plans of COVELLI and RIZZO and also with possible indication of tying these individuals in to the "outfit," it is requested that SA HIGGINS maintain close contact with both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] PCI for the purpose of substantiating and exploring in further detail the information previously furnished by these individuals.

It is believed that both of these sources of information might well be in a position to establish such activities as might either be a local or federal violation.

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JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka.
AR
OO: Milwaukee

On 5/2/63 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Racine PD, advised that [REDACTED] who has previously been described as [REDACTED] at the gambling establishment in Kenosha, Wisconsin which has been operated by WILLIAM "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, is still residing at the Midtown Hotel located in the 1300 Block on State Street, Racine, Wisconsin. They further stated that in connection with [REDACTED] having recently been [REDACTED] the City of Racine, that he has been known to frequent [REDACTED] which is located in the [REDACTED] Racine, Wisconsin and which is operated by an individual by the name of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] also operates [REDACTED] known as [REDACTED] which is located at the intersection of [REDACTED] In this connection they advised that as of the week of 4/29/63 [REDACTED] had been observed on at least two instances working at the [REDACTED] in the capacity of [REDACTED]. They further added that [REDACTED] who died recently, approximately 7 or 9 weeks ago, is the brother of [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] either owned or operated [REDACTED] one also located at [REDACTED] near the place where the [REDACTED] is located. [REDACTED] formerly operated also [REDACTED] which is located near the intersection of [REDACTED] Streets, Racine, Wisconsin.

The above is being set forth for possible assistance in locating [REDACTED] should it be desired that he be interviewed in connection with the ANTHONY BILMAT abduction and slaying and further that it is more than likely that individuals affiliated with "the outfit" as well as other known gamblers will in all probability be attempting to contact [REDACTED] as previously indicated he was closely affiliated with WEISER COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO and undoubtedly at some time in the future will again be associated with them very closely.

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)-P
SUBJECT : WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/10/63.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 4/29/63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI have not been in Milwaukee to [redacted] here as far as he knows since January of this year, and that he does not believe they will come to Milwaukee as long as the "heat" is on them for the BERNAT killing. Informant advised that in regards to [redacted]

[redacted] He said that COVELLI and RIZZO have definitely not re-opened their crap game in Kenosha unless it is on a very restricted basis for Kenosha people only and that none of the Milwaukee gamblers have been going there.

On 5/6/63 [redacted] advised SA ALBERT H. KNICKREHM that COVELLI and RIZZO are supposed to be going to [redacted] but doesn't believe they are booking. He stated that they are [redacted]

[redacted] With regard to COVELLI coming to Milwaukee, he advised that when COVELLI does come to Milwaukee he [redacted]

[redacted] after which he goes to see FRANK BALLISTRERI. He also advised

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1-Milwaukee (162-49)

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that COVELLI and RIZZO have not re-opened their crap game.

On 5/13/63 there were no pertinent developments concerning this investigation.

On 5/14/63 spot checks were made of COVELLI at his home, place of business, at his usual hangouts, without developing any unusual activity. COVELLI was alone and apparently working on matters pertaining to his cigarette vending business.

On 5/15/63 COVELLI was followed around the Kenosha area from his home to COVELLI's delicatessen, 2300 75th Street and then to Buratti's Tap, Roosevelt Road and then to Greco's Restaurant on 55th Street. Following his arrival at Greco's Restaurant, he was observed assisting workmen in the hanging of a new door at that location. There was no unusual activity noted in the area at this time. On this date Bureau agents observed a white over tan Chrysler, 1963 Wisconsin registration [redacted] pick up JOHN RIZZO on Emmerston Road, Racine, Wisconsin. This vehicle registered to [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin. Did not make any attempt to contact subject.

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On 5/15/63 [redacted] doing business at [redacted] Kenosha, advised that subject had approached him to place his vending machines and juke boxes into [redacted] when he opens [redacted] next month, [redacted] advised subject that he would continue to do business with the Lakeside Music Company, formerly operated by the deceased ANTHONY BIERNAT. (MI file # 92-257).

On 5/16/63 [redacted] was re-interviewed and he stated that subject definitely had not approached him to take out BIERNAT's juke boxes and replace them with subject's.

On 5/15/63 [redacted] Kenosha PD, advised that subject as a "pretty solid kid", and definitely did not have anything to do with the BIERNAT abduction and murder.

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On 5/17/63 [redacted] advised that he had conferred with subject and that subject positively would not talk to the FBI. (It is noted that Bureau agents have made personal contact with COVELLI in the recent past and at this time he refused to talk to them at all.)

On 5/17/63 [redacted] Kenosha SO, furnished an arrest record for subject obtained from a confidential source from the Kenosha PD, and it listed only traffic arrest dating from 12/23/49 through 5/4/59. This arrest record failed to reflect any criminal arrests.

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On 5/17/63 Bureau agents spot checked subject's home and place of business without developing any unusual activity.

On 5/17/63 [redacted] Mid-Towne Hotel, Racine, Wisconsin, advised that subject had been associated with JOHN RIZZO in a "card game" at the 56th Street cigar store, Kenosha, Wisconsin, until approximately 12/52 and that the games were called off at that time. He also stated that you couldn't find a good card game in Kenosha now due to the current investigation being conducted by local and Federal officers.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : SAC Milwaukee [REDACTED]

DATE: 5/8/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Dates of Contact	
4/23/63	
Titles and File #s on which contacted	
<u>JOSEPH FRANK CURERA, aka, AR</u>	92-257 HOLTZMAN
<u>JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, aka AR</u>	92-164 [REDACTED]
<u>WILLIAM COVELLI, aka, IGA</u>	162-49 [REDACTED]
<u>CIP</u>	02-145 THOMPSON
<u>IGA</u>	162-1 [REDACTED]
Purpose and results of contact	
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE	
<p>Informant stated that as far as he knows RIZZO and COVELLI have not been to Milwaukee to see FRANK BALISTRIERI or STEVE DE SALVO since they returned from Hot Springs, Ark. He advised that he is quite certain that RIZZO and COVELLI will not open their crap game in Konosha for quite a period of time due to the heat of the BERNAT killing.</p>	
In records to [REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating Excellent
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 5/14/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. GAGGAWAY

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact	
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Titles and File #s on which contacted	
JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA, aka AR	92-257 HOLTZMAN
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR	92-164 [redacted]
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka	162-49 [redacted]
CIP	92-145 THOMPSON
IGA	162-1 [redacted]
Purpose and results of contact	
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<p>Informant stated that JOHNNY RIZZO and WILLIAM COVELLI have not been in Milwaukee to [redacted] here as far as he knows since January of this year and that he does not believe they will come to Milwaukee as long as the "heat" is on them on the DIERNAT killing.</p> <p>In regards to [redacted]</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%;"></div>	
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He said that RIZZO and COVELLI have definitely not re-opened their crap game in Kenosha unless it is on a very restricted basis for Kenosha people only and that none of the Milwaukee gamblers have been going there.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC **Milwaukee** [redacted]

FROM : SA **ALBERT B. KNICKREHM**

SUBJECT: [redacted]

DATE: **5/16/63**

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Dates of Contact		5/6/63
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka AR		92-257 HOLTZMAN
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka		162-49 [redacted]
JOHN CHARLES RIZZO, AR		92-164 [redacted]
[redacted]		166-25 [redacted]
CIP		92-145 THOMPSON
IGA		162-1 [redacted]
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>Informant stated that COVELLI and RIZZO are supposed to be [redacted] but doesn't believe they are booking. He stated that they are betting on information that they receive at the track.</p> <p>With regard to COVELLI coming to Milwaukee, he advised that when COVELLI does come to Milwaukee he [redacted] after which he goes to see FRANK BALISTRIERI.</p> <p>He stated that JOE GAGLIANO plays gin at the present time and is doing nothing else. He advised that GAGLIANO has a cottage on a lake near Milwaukee and suspects that when the weather warms up he will have poker games there. He advised that COVELLI and RIZZO have not reopened their crap game in Kenosha.</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	Excellent	Gambling
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With regard to who was at [redacted] on 1/4/63, he stated
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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI; aka
IGA
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 5-17-63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 5-14-63 [redacted] advised SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY that [redacted] of Racine has been [redacted] for JOHN RIZZO at his gambling joint in Kenosha, Wisconsin for years. He stated that up until a short time ago, [redacted] was operating a book which he believes he was operating for RIZZO and [redacted]

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[redacted] Informant also stated that WILLIAM COVELLI and RIZZO, as far as he knows, are not operating their crap game in Kenosha at the present time, but both of them have a book going - one in Kenosha and one in Racine. He said that COVELLI and RIZZO have someone operating these books for them, and they do not handle the operation themselves.

Informant advised that on Saturday, 5-4-63, BILL COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO, along with two individuals unknown to informant, were at [redacted] He said that RIZZO [redacted]

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On 5-20-63 there were no pertinent developments concerning this investigation.

On 5-21-63 Bureau Agents conducted spot checks of subject's home, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, and his business premise, Kenosha Vending Company, 5611 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, without noting any unusual activity on the part of subject.

① On 5-22-63 [redacted] Kenosha, Wisconsin (protect identity) advised that COVELLI was [redacted]

[redacted] She also stated that COVELLI may appear to be meek and mild mannered, but in reality has a violent temper. She also advised that "WEISER" COVELLI and JOHN RIZZO have not resumed their gambling game on 56th Street.

② On 5-23-63 [redacted] PCI, advised that she has observed several cars, belonging to Kenosha area gamblers, parked near Greco's Restaurant but the owners were not around. Later, she learned that they had been gambling upstairs over Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street.

More pertinent information has been requested of this source.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

FROM : *J v* SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
IGA

DATE: 5/31/63

Re Milwaukee airtel to Chicago dated 1/31/63 and Chicago letter to Milwaukee dated 3/22/63.

Enclosed are nine copies of an FD-302 concerning telephone numbers [redacted], and AR 6-5005, Chicago, Illinois, called from a telephone listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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Telephone number AR 6-5005, Chicago, Illinois, is listed to Atlas Music, a division of A.C. Automatic Service, Inc., 2122 North Western Avenue, Chicago. [redacted]

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reported to be close to top hoodlum EDDIE VOGEL. [redacted] has been interviewed by the Chicago Division and denies any hoodlum ties and denies hoodlum ties in Atlas Music. Atlas Music is the distributor of AMI Coin Operated machines in the Chicago area.

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CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. The following telephone toll calls for the period 12/19/61 to 10/17/62 were charged to OL 2-1390 listed to WILLIAM COVELLI, 7827 36th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Chicago will identify the following subscribers and determine whether these subscribers are known to be associated with the hoodlum element or are known to be hoodlums themselves:

AT PEOTONE, ILLINOIS:

[redacted] 4/12, 20/62.

AT STERLING, ILLINOIS.

[redacted] (?)

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P -
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA
OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 5/27/63.

WEEKLY SUMMARY AIRTEL

On 5/27/63 [] advised SA [] at Milwaukee that he had no pertinent information concerning the current gambling situation in Kenosha.

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On 5/28/63 Subject was observed at his home and at Greco's Restaurant on 56th Street periodically throughout the day by Bureau Agents. On this same date, []

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[] advised that she knew of a considerable amount of gambling activity formerly conducted at Greco's Restaurant by Subject and JOHN RIZZO.

On 5/28/63 [] Jay Bee Auto Body Company, 2013 63rd Street, advised that several cigarette vending machines had been brought into his paint shop by a [] for reconditioning and repainting. He advised that he knew of no connection between these cigarette vending machines and WEISER COVELLI. [] also advised that [] was associated, [] Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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On 5/29/63 Bureau Agents observed COVELLI at his home and at Greco's Restaurant with no apparent activity. During the evening on this date COVELLI was noticed to be in the company of AL ALBANA, [] playing cards at []

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Greco's Restaurant in the early part of the evening.

On 5/31/63 [redacted] PCI, telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Office and advised that COVELLI has been asking her questions concerning [redacted]

[redacted] She also stated that during the evening of 5/29/63, while Bureau Agents were conducting a fisur in the vicinity of Greco's Restaurant, 56th Street. WEISER COVELLI [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA, OO MI.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY, MILWAUKEE, ADVISED EARLY AM THIS DATE CLIENT WILLIAM COVELLI HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED BY TWO MEN WHO STATED THEY WERE FBI AGENTS.

UPON INTERVIEW, COVELLI, IN PRESENCE OF [REDACTED] WHO VOLUNTEERED CLIENT AND WHO ADVISED WOULD VOLUNTEER INFORMATION CONCERNING MATTER. ~~UNRECORDED~~ ^{FOLLOWING} INFORMATION TAKEN FROM COVELLI AND BEING INCORPORATED INTO SIGNED STATEMENT. ^{COVELLI} ~~DET~~ WHILE DRIVING HOME IN KENOSHA ABOUT TEN FORTYFIVE PM JUNE SIX SIXTYTHREE, ~~HE~~ WAS STOPPED BY A CAR WITH SIREN AND FLASHING RED LIGHT. TWO INDIVIDUALS CAME TO HIS CAR, ADVISED HIM THEY WERE FBI AGENTS, HANDCUFFED HIM AND PUT HIM INTO THEIR CAR. THEY PLACED A HOOD OVER HIS HEAD AND THEREAFTER DROVE HIM TO WHAT COVELLI BELIEVED WAS ABANDONED HOUSE. TOOK HIM INTO BASEMENT AND TO A DAMP AREA, WHERE THEY SHOWN A LIGHT ON THE GROUND INDICATING A GRAVE. THEY RAISED HIS HOOD HIGH ENOUGH TO SEE THE HOLE DUG IN THE GROUND. SAID THIS WAS WHERE BODY OF BIERNAT WAS FOUND. DESCRIPTION OF GRAVE FITS BIERNAT SITUATION.

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SUBJECTS THEN QUESTIONED COVELLI AS TO HIS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN THE BIERNAT KILLING. COVELLI STATES HE TOLD THEM HE KNEW NOTHING CONCERNING THE MATTER. SUBJECT WAS THEN SHOWN GUN AND SAID THEY WERE GOING TO PLAY RUSSIAN ROULETTE. THEY TURNED THE CHAMBER OF THE GUN AND THEN SNAPPED THE HAMMER BEHIND COVELLI'S HEAD SEVERAL TIMES. AFTER CONSIDERABLE TIME, THEY TOOK COVELLI FROM THE HOUSE AND RETURNED TO KENOSHA, WIS. THEY LEFT HIM OFF ABOUT TWO AM JUNE SEVEN SIXTYTHREE NEAR A COUNTY GARAGE ON SIXTIETH STREET, KENOSHA. THEY THREW HIS CAR KEYS ON THE GROUND AND SAID HIS CAR WAS JUST DOWN ~~THE~~^A WAYS. COVELLI AT THIS POINT WATCHED CAR DISAPPEAR, AND HE DESCRIBED IT AS A PLYMOUTH AUTOMOBILE WITH RED LIGHT ON TOP. HE STATED LICENSE WAS COVERED OVER AND HE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THIS. MEAGER DESCRIPTIONS OBTAINED RE SUBJECTS, AS COVELLI STATES HOOD WAS OVER HIS HEAD MOST OF THE TIME AND IT WAS VERY DARK.

FURTHER, SUBJECT STATED AT END OF CONVERSATION THAT THEY WERE NOT FBI AGENTS BUT WERE HELPING FBI IN THIS MATTER AS THE

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FBI COULD NOT DO THIS ~~THEIRSELVES~~ *THEMSELVES.*

COVELLIS CAR WILL BE PROCESSED AND USA WILL BE CONTACTED
RE AN OPINION. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT
PROMPTLY ADVISED. DETAILED AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC Milwaukee [redacted]

DATE: 6/10/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

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Dates of Contact		6/8/63
Titles and File #s on which contacted		
WILLIAM COVELLI, aka IGA	162-49	[redacted]
FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, AR	94-316	HOLTZMAN
Purpose and results of contact		
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> POSITIVE		
<p>On 6/8/63, PCI telephonically contacted and stated that on the previous night, June 7, at approximately eleven PM, [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted]</p> <p>[redacted] Informant did not know the reason for [redacted] contact. (SA's RICHARD C. THOMPSON and LE GRAND advise that they dropped [redacted] off at [redacted] that night on their return from Kenosha.)</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)
WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. 00 MILWAUKEE

RE MI TEL TO DIRECTOR DATED SIX SEVEN SIXTYTHREE.

COVELLI GAVE SIGNED STATEMENT THAT HE LEFT GRECO-S RESTAURANT, KENOSHA, TEN-THIRTY PM, JUNE SIX INSTANT AND DROVE TOWARD HOME. WAS STOPPED BY CAR WITH SIREN AND RED FLASHER ON TOP AT ROOSEVELT ROAD AND THIRTYSIXTH AVE. MAN APPROACHED HIM SAYING QUOTE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNQUOTE AND PULLED HIM OUT OF CAR, HAND-CUFFED HIM AND PUSHED HIM INTO OTHER CAR. TOOK OFF COVELLI-S GLASSES AND PUT HOOD OVER HIS HEAD. ONE MAN DROVE WHILE OTHER SAT IN BACK SEAT WITH COVELLI. THEY TOOK HIM TO PLACE THEY SAID BIERNAT HAD BEEN BURIED AND SHOWED HIM HOLE AND ASKED IF HE KNEW WHO DUG IT. THEY LIFTED HOOD ONLY TO SHOW GRAVE. WHEN COVELLI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, THEY SAID THEY WOULD PLAY RUSSIAN ROULETTE, EXHIBITING REVOLVER. THEY THEN SHOWED COVELLI GRAVE AGAIN AND ASKED WHO KILLED BIERNAT. WHEN COVELLI SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, THEY PULLED TRIGGER OF GUN HELD BEHIND HIS EAR. THIS PROCEDURE WAS FOLLOWED ABOUT FOUR TIMES BETWEEN WHICH COVELLI WAS QUESTIONED AND TOLD HE WAS LUCKY HE HAD NOT GOT THE BULLET. THEN COVELLI WAS

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ORDERED TO WRITE SOME NAMES WHICH WERE TO BE DICTATED TO HIM, BUT HE WAS NOT FREED FROM HANDCUFFS AND WRITING NEVER TOOK PLACE. COVELLI WAS ACCUSED OF INTRODUCING BIERNAT TO STEVE DE SALVO AND JOSEPH GURERA. THE MEN WENT THROUGH COVELLI-S POCKETS, AND APPARENTLY TOOK DRIVER LICENSE AND TWO SLIPS OF PAPER OF NO IMPORTANCE. THEY SAID THEY WOULD FRAME COVELLI AND HIS ~~HIS~~ HANDWRITING. THEY THEN DROVE COVELLI BACK TO KENOSHA AND DROPPED HIM AT ABOUT SIXTIETH STREET AND SIXTIETH AVENUE, RETURNING GLASSES, TAKING HOOD AND TOSSING HIM HIS CAR KEYS SAYING CAR WAS DOWN A COUPLE BLOCKS. COVELLI DESCRIBED SUSPECT CAR POSSIBLY FIVE OR SIX YEAR OLD PLYMOUTH IN SOME COLOR OTHER THAN BLACK. FLASHER WAS ON CAR TOP AND SMALLER THAN USED BY KENOSHA PD. DRIVER OF CAR WAS ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN, SLENDER AND WORE GLASSES. OTHER MAN WAS SIX FEET, ONE NINTYFIVE LBS., FORTYFIVE YEARS AND RUDDY. COVELLI SAID HE ASKED IF FBI DID SUCH THINGS AND RECEIVED ANSWER THESE MEN WERE NOT FBI, BUT FRIENDS OF FBI WHO DID THIS KIND OF WORK BECAUSE FBI COULD NOT DO IT. COVELLI COMPLAINED OF IRRITATION FROM HANDCUFFS, AND WRISTS SHOWED SLIGHT RED MARKS.

SA-S WILLIAM J. HIGGINS AND [REDACTED] ONLY AGENTS ON DUTY IN KENOSHA ON SIX SIX SIXTYTHREE WERE, NOT WORKING THAT NIGHT.

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APPROPRIATE AFFIDAVITS BEING OBTAINED.

WILLIAM COVELLI IDENTIFIED SPOT WHERE ANTHONY J. BIERNAT BODY WAS FOUND IN CELLAR OF ABANDONED FARM HOUSE IN KENOSHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN AS PLACE TO WHICH HE WAS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN THE EVENING OF SIX SIX SIXTYTHREE. EXAMINATION OF DIRT BASEMENT OF HOUSE CONTAINED IDENTIFICATIONS THAT ALL FOOT PRINTS HAD BEEN SWEEPED CLEAN ALTHOUGH THERE WERE INDICATIONS FROM OLD CIGARETTE PACKS AND OTHER MATERIAL THAT PLACE HAD BEEN FREQUENTED IN THE PAST.

COVELLI-S CAR PROCESSED FOR FINGERPRINTS AND TWO LATENT FINGERPRINTS OBTAINED. ELIMINATION PRINTS OBTAINED FROM COVELLI AND TWO OTHERS WITH ACCESS TO CAR, AND BEING OBTAINED FROM FOURTH INDIVIDUAL WHO DROVE CAR.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND PLASTER CASTS MADE OF TIRE TREADS FOUND IN DRIVEWAY OF FARMYARD, WHICH NEIGHBORS ADVISE IS RENDEZVOUS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND HUNTERS.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS. TEN PERSONS INTERVIEWED AT PLACE OF ABDUCTION HEARD SIREN AND SAW CAR VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS BEING A CADILLAC, LINCOLN, PLYMOUTH, OR DODGE WITH RED FLASHER ON TOP OR ON SIDE WITH COLOR DESCRIBED AS DARK, WHITE, OR BLUE PARKED ALONGSIDE ANOTHER CAR AT THIRTY-

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sixth ave. AND ROOSEVELT, KENOSHA, WISC. THIS OCCURRED BETWEEN TEN THIRTY P.M. AND MIDNIGHT SIX SIX SIXTYTHREE. SOME SAID OBSERVED MAN TAKEN FROM PARKED CAR INTO POLICE CAR WHICH DROVE OFF, LEAVING ON LIGHTS OF PARKED CAR. A MINUTE LATER EITHER THE POLICE CAR OR ANOTHER CAR RETURNED TO THE PARKED CAR, LEAVING OUT A PASSENGER AND DRIVING ON. THE PASSENGER TURNED OFF THE LIGHTS OF THE PARKED CAR, AND THEN DROVE IT WITH LIGHTS OUT UNTIL CAME TO NEXT CORNER AND DISSAPPEARED. NO MARKINGS OBSERVED ON POLICE CAR WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS NOT SAME AS KENOSHA PD CARS.

[REDACTED] OBSERVED WHAT HE BELIEVED MIGHT BE A BLACK NINETEEN FIFTYNINE FORD PARKED ABOUT ONE A.M. SIX SEVEN SIXTYTHREE IN DRIVEWAY OF HOUSE WHERE BIERNAT BODY FOUND.

[REDACTED] STATED HEARD THREE SHOTS LIKE SHOTGUN IN VICINITY OF FARMHOUSE SOMETIME BETWEEN TEN P.M. AND TWELVE P.M. ON SIX SIX SIXTYTHREE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF AREA BEING MADE.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE AT SIXTIETH STREET AND SIXTIETH AVE., KENOSHA, WIS. WHERE COVELLI CLAIMS RELEASED FROM POLICE CAR, AND AT FIFTYSEVENTH AVE. AND SIXTIETH STREET, KENOSHA,

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WIS. WHERE COVELLI STATED HE RECOVERED HIS CAR ON INFORMATION GIVEN BY ABDUCTORS.

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY OF WILLIAM COVELLI, ADVISED HIS CLIENT WILL NOT SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION UNLESS CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET WHICH HE WILL OUTLINE IN LETTER HE WILL FORWARD THIS WEEKEND TO MILWAUKEE OFFICE, AFTER HE GIVES MATTER SOME THOUGHT. SAYS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED ABOUT QUALITY OF POLYGRAPH OPERATOR AND POSSIBLE DEVIATION FROM SUBJECT MATTER OF ALLEGED ABDUCTION OF QUESTIONS ASKED COVELLI. IN VIEW OF [REDACTED] POSITION AND FACT THAT WITNESSES TEND TO CORROBORATE COVELLI-S ABDUCTION STORY, IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED HE BE GIVEN POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

RE MILWAUKEE AIRTEL MAY THIRTYONE CAPTIONED PCI [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO COMMENTED THAT [REDACTED]

ACCORDING TO FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BALISTRIERI INVITED INFORMANT TO [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] TODAY THAT BALISTRIERI, ALSO A CLIENT, ALLEGED AN INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT

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FIVE DAYS AGO, THAT HE WAS SURVEILLED AND AFTER HAVING A COUPLE OF DRINKS HE APPROACHED A CAR BELIEVED BY HIM TO BE SURVEILLING, OPENED THE DOOR AND GRABBED OCCUPANT BY SHIRT FRONT, COCKED HIS FIST AND REQUESTED IDENTIFICATION. OCCUPANT ALLEGEDLY ADVISED QUOTE I-M A POLICEMAN WITH THE FBI UNQUOTE. BALISTRIERI LET GO OF SHIRT AND ALLEGEDLY OBTAINED NAME OF PERSON AS KNICKREHM. SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM ASSIGNED TO CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERVIEWS NUMEROUS HOODLUMS AND KNOWN BY THEM. ADVISED SITUATION DID NOT OCCUR. APPROPRIATE AFFIDAVIT BEING OBTAINED FROM SA KNICKREHM AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU PROPTLY.

[] STATED BALISTRIERI IS ANXIOUS TO ENCOUNTER AN FBI AGENT ON SURVEILLANCE WHO REFUSES IDENTIFICATION, AS HE IS LOOKING FOR CHANCE TO HIT ONE AND THEN NOT BE LIABLE FOR PROSECUTION FOR ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER. [] STATED BALISTRIERI NOT CONCERNED ABOUT STATE ASSAULT AND BATTERY CHARGE. [] STATED HE WOULD BE PLEASED WITH SUCH ACTION OF BALISTRIERI.

AS BUREAU IS AWARE, MILWAUKEE OFFICE HAS BEEN INTENSIFYING ITS EFFORTS IN THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, WHICH HAS INVOLVED IN ADDITION, INTERVIEWS WITH PERSONS IN HOODLUM ELEMENT.

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THIS HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED PARTICULARLY DUE TO THE BIERNAT MATTER. IT IS FELT THAT THIS WORK DONE BY THIS OFFICE HAS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE BEING PLACED ON HOODLUM ELEMENT, AND IT APPEARS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT THESE HOODLUMS WILL FABRICATE EVERY CONCEIVABLE STORY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO THWART INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES OF FBI. MILWAUKEE IS NOT RELEASING ITS PRESSURE ON THIS ELEMENT. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL EFFORTS BY HOODLUMS IN THIS REGARD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (162-49)

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
IGA

OO: Milwaukee

DATE: 6/8/63

Re Milwaukee tel to Bureau 6/8/63.

In connection with future plans concerning this case, each Agent should read referenced teletype. You are also informed that the present investigation concerning the abduction of COVELLI has allegations in it concerning FBI personnel. The following leads are being set forth to be handled by individual Agents assigned:

1. Individuals at Greco's Restaurant, Kenosha, should be interviewed, particularly concerning whether any strangers were in the restaurant on the night of June 6, 1963; whether there were any hoodlums in the place and whether there were any individuals outside the restaurant in an automobile. Should any information be developed concerning the identity all should be interviewed.

2. Interview with the woman who has furnished information concerning description of the car at the scene of the abduction. The above two leads will be handled by SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON on 6/8/63.

3. Contact heads of law enforcement regarding the identity, if possible, of the abduction automobile and inform them of our investigation in this case, which is one primarily in connection with impersonation of FBI Agents. This is assigned to SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and SA [redacted] for completion 6/8/63.

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All Agents should keep in mind that we should resolve all angles that no Bureau personnel were involved. SA LEGRAND and SA THOMPSON should interview FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI as soon as he can be located concerning the allegations that he has

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1-SA [redacted]
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made concerning an agent as set forth in Milwaukee teletype 6/8/63.

As it concerns [redacted] who has WILLIAM COVELLI [redacted] he should not be contacted further concerning this case. He has initiated information concerning the case, and we have obtained such from him; and, therefore, we should not accept anything further other than that which he volunteers. He is considered a very questionable [redacted] aggressive, cagey and would no doubt make every effort to fabricate any story to thwart our investigation of any additional activities of [redacted] [redacted] other than the present alleged kidnapping.

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The following hoodlums should be considered to be interviewed during the week of 6/10 through 14/63 after other pertinent expedite leads have been covered. These individuals are:

JOHN C. RIZZO
STEVE J. DE SALVO
BUSTER BALESTRERE
FRANCIS STELLOH
ALBERT ALBANA
FRED COVELLI
DOMINIC PRINCIPE

and others that agents consider desirable to interview. These individuals will be assigned by the ASAC to individual Agents during my absence.

All Agents are instructed that they should carry firearms issued to them for their own protection during investigation of hoodlum activities. Any incidents that may arise in connection with interviews with hoodlums should be immediately reported to the office.

The Bureau should be kept promptly informed of all pertinent developments by teletype, and a summary complete airtel should be sent to the Bureau on 6/10 or 11/63 concerning this case. A teletype of the investigation conducted 6/8/63 should be sent to the Bureau the same date. This should include also projected plans as set out above so the Bureau will be apprised of our projected activities.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)
WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, FGA. OO-MILWAUKEE.

AVAILABLE EMPLOYEES GRECO-S RESTAURANT KENOSHA, WIS. FROM WHICH COVELLI LEFT SHORTLY BEFORE ABDUCTION, INTERVIEWED BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REMAINDER WILL BE INTERVIEWED MONDAY WHEN AVAILABLE, [REDACTED] KENOSHA, WIS. SAID BETWEEN TEN FIFTEEN PM AND TEN FORTYFIVE PM SIX SIX LAST SHE HEARD SIREN AND LOOKED OUT SECOND FLOOR WINDOW AND OBSERVED WHITE STATION WAGON PARKED AT CURB WITH MEDIUM BLUE CADILLAC ALONGSIDE. LATTER HAD RED FLASHER WITHER ON FENDER OR SPOT LIGHT. TWO MEN GOT OUT OF THIS CAR AND HANDCUFFED MAN FROM PARKED CAR AND DROVE OFF WITH HIM IN BACK SEAR OF CADILLAC, LEAVING STATIONWAGON PARKED WITH MOTOR RUNNING AND LIGHTS ON. THE CADILLAC HAD YELLOW ANDGREEN ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES. SHE WENT TO TELEPHONE TO CALL POLICE BUT RETURNED TO WINDOW WITHOUT MAKING CALL BECAUSE HEARD STATION WAGON MOVING. SHE SAW IT MOVING DOWN STREET WITH LIGHTS OUT. SHE IS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANYONE BUT STATES MAN FROM STATIONWAGON WORE WHITE SHIRT AND OTHER TWO MEN WERE BAREHEADED, WORE SUIT COATS AND WERE WHITE MEN.

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INVESTIGATION OF AREA WHERE NEIGHBORS HEARD THREE SHOT GUN
BLASTS NEGATIVE.

EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FRANK PETER
BALISTRIERI.

KENOSHA PD AND KENOSHA SO CONTACTED BUT HAD NO NEW INFORMATION.

ON THEORY ABDUCTION MAY HAVE BEEN HOODLUM TACTIC, PERSONS
SUSPECTED IN BIERNAT CASE WILL BE INTERVIEWED INCLUDING JOHN C.
RIZZO, GAMBLING PARTNER OF COVELLI, FRED COVELLI, BROTHER OF
WILLIAM, AND ALBERT ALBANA, FORMER DOORMAN AT RIZZO-COVELLI
DICE GAME. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO INTERVIEW OF MILWAUKEE
HOODLUMS STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALISTRERE, AND FRANCIS STELLOH
AND DOMINIC PRINCIPE, RESTAURANT OWNER, ILLINOIS.

COMPLETE SUMMARY AIRTEL WILL BE SUBMITTED AND CHICAGO WILL
BE REQUESTED TOMAKE INVESTIGATION THROUGH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY CADILLAC AND OCCUPANTS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 162-777

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE 162-49

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. 00 MILWAUKEE.

REMITEL TO BUREAU JUNE EIGHT INSTANT.

FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED JUNE TEN INSTANT. STATED HE DETECTED SURVEILLANCE ONE NIGHT ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO AND STOPPED HIS CAR TO FIND OUT. HE SAW A FRIEND, WALTER BROCCA, IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND ASKED WHETHER HE KNEW WHO WAS IN THE FOLLOWING CAR. BROCCA AT FIRST SAID THEY WERE POLICE, SO BALISTRIERI ASKED DRIVER FOR HIS BADGENUMBER, BUT NONE WAS GIVEN. DRIVER REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SELF. BROCCA THEN SAID THEY WERE FBI, SO BALISTRIERI MERELY TOOK LICENSE NUMBER, WHICH HE DOESN'T RECALL, AND WENT HOME. THERE WAS NO INCIDENT IN WHICH BALISTRIERI EITHER THREATENED OR GRASPED THE DRIVER AS ALLEGED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTORNEY FOR COVELLI. BALISTRIERI SAID HE WAS AWARE OF STATUTE ON ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER AND ANY ASSAULT WAS FARTHEST FROM HIS MIND, THEN AND NOW. OTHER HOODLUMS BEING INTERVIEWED CONCERNING COVELLI ABDUCTION STORY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) P
WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA. IGA. OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE TEL TO BUREAU DATED JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT.

ON JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE JOHN COFFEY
AND [REDACTED] WHO IS WORKING FOR JUDGE COFFEY ON A
JOHN DOE GRAND JURY IN MILWAUKEE, WIS., ADVISED THAT ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACTING ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM COVELLI, GAVE THEM LICENSE
NUMBER OF AN AUTOMOBILE, WHICH COVELLI CLAIMS HAD BEEN SURVEILLING
HIM AROUND THE KENOSHA AREA AND MILWAUKEE, WIS., ABOUT FIVE WEEKS
AGO AND WHICH HE BELIEVES MIGHT BELONG TO PERSONS WHO ALLEGEDLY
ABDUCTED ^{COVE} ~~COVE~~ ^{LLI} ON JUNE SIX LAST. [REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO
CHECK REGISTRATION THROUGH MOTOR VEHICLE DEPT., MADISON, WIS., AND
MVD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED MILWAUKEE OFFICE THAT INQUIRY WAS BEING
MADE ON ONE OF ITS LICENSES. JUDGE COFFEY AND [REDACTED]
STATE THEY BELIEVE [REDACTED] IS ATTEMPTING TO EMBARRASS THE FBI, AND
[REDACTED] HAS MADE STATEMENT THAT HE WILL OBTAIN LARGE RECOVERY IN
CIVIL DAMAGES FOR COVELLI IF HE CAN ESTABLISH THAT FBI AGENTS OR

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POLICE OFFICERS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH COVELLI-S ABDUCTION.

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HAVE COME TO MILWAUKEE FROM CHICAGO, ILL., IN MAY, SIXTYTWO, WAS

RECENTLY ARRESTED IN MILWAUKEE, WIS., AND HAS EXHIBITED

UNUSUAL CONCERN IN HER CASE. A NOTEBOOK FOUND ON THE ARREST OF

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] CONTAINS THE NAMES OF FOUR MEMBERS OF LOCAL

TWO HUNDRED TEAMSTERS UNION WITH THE NOTATION QUOTE REFERRED BY

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VICTIM, AND WILL BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED, AS THIS COULD POSSIBLY
DEVELOP VALUABLE INFORMATION RELATING TO COVELLI. [REDACTED][REDACTED] WILL BE
FOLLOWED CLOSELY. INTERVIEWS OF HOODLUMS RELATIVE TO COVELLI
ABDUCTION STORY CONTINUING.

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above discussed with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who said it sounded OK but
be sure & not let the hoodlums
get us on the run - to continue
to pursue all avenues of investigation
re: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised if inquiry from
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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
SAC, CHICAGO (162-277)

FROM: PCSb, HFB SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.
IGA

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee teletype (2) to Bureau dated 6/8/63,
of which Chicago received no copies.

The following is a summary of all investigation to date:

At about 4 a.m. on 6/7/63 [redacted] attorney for WILLIAM COVELLI, called SAC PAUL H. STODDARD by telephone to advise that his client had been kidnapped on the previous evening and released some hours later. He said that COVELLI told him that two FBI Agents had kidnapped him. [redacted] said there was no indication of interstate transportation but STODDARD said it appeared that there might have been an impersonation involved. Therefore, arrangements were made for immediate interview of COVELLI. [redacted] insisted that he be present at the time his client was interviewed.

[redacted] also informed that he wanted to pick up [redacted] Milwaukee PD [redacted] who has been detached from the department to work for the John Doe inquiry which has been in progress in Milwaukee for the past year. [redacted] was informed by SAC STODDARD that the FBI would conduct its own investigations and would interview COVELLI, and any business that [redacted] had with [redacted] would have to be conducted separately. Thereafter, SAC STODDARD and Agents ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C.

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THOMPSON proceeded to Kenosha where COVELLI was first interviewed at his home. After the scope of the matter had been ascertained, the following signed statement was taken from COVELLI at the Kenosha Resident Agency:

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June 7, 1963

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"I, William Covelli, make the following voluntary statement to Alexander P. Le Grand and Richard C. Thompson, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the FBI. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement, and I make it of my own free will. I am represented by counsel, [redacted] who is present at the making of this statement.

"I reside at 7827 36th Ave., Kenosha, Wis. I was born Oct. 5th, 1919, in Kenosha, Wis.

"On the evening of June 6, 1963, I left Greco's Restaurant, 22 Ave. and 56 St., Kenosha, at about 10:30 PM. I drove out Roosevelt Road to the corner of 36th Ave., and made a left turn, toward my home. Just after I turned, I heard a siren and I saw a car that had a red flasher on top pull up beside me. I stopped my car, and the other car stopped beside me, on my left. A man jumped out of the car and opened my car door. I said, "What do you want?" The man said, "Federal Bureau of Investigation", and he pulled me out of the car and said, "This has gone far enough". Then he turned me so I faced the car and put handcuffs on me, behind my back. Then he pushed me into the back seat of the car with the red flasher, taking my glasses off after he did so. Then this man got into the back seat with me. He put a hood over my head. It seemed

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"like a wool sweater, loose at the bottom where it came about to my chin. The car pulled away. Shortly thereafter I asked whether they had taken the keys out of my car, but I got no answer. Then we drove a long time - maybe about 45 minutes. Nothing was said during this drive. It was very dark, and I could see nothing. I think we went over some paved roads and some gravel or dirt roads. I noted only about 3 on-coming cars. Then we stopped and the lights went out on the car I was in. Then someone said, "Get out." I couldn't move well with the handcuffs behind me, so the man who sat next to me helped me out of the car. Then either he or the driver took me by the belt, in the middle of my back, and guided me some yards and then down some steps. The man said, "Step down", and I went down one step. He continued similar instructions, and I kept going down steps - maybe 3 or 4 of them. Then one man said, "Put your head down", and I did, but just grazed my head a little on some over-head obstruction. Then the man guided me forward perhaps ten yards. Then we stood around for awhile. Then I was guided to a sort of guard rail and held over it. Then my hood was raised, and I saw a hole with a little water in it. The hole was about 3½ feet deep, 7 feet long and 5 feet wide. One of the men had a small flashlight which was shined on the hole. One man said, "Do you know who dug that hole, that's where Biernat was buried?" - or words to that effect. I said I didn't know. Then the man who held my belt pushed me down onto the ground. One of the men had tipped up my hood so I could look into the hole, but he put the hood down again before he pushed me down. Then there was a wait. Then one man asked me if I knew who murdered Biernat. I said I didn't know anything about it. Then one man said, "Then we'll have to play a little Russian roulette". He lifted

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"Up my hood and for a second or so and showed me that he was taking the bullets out of the cylinder of his gun. The gun was a short model, and I cannot say what calibre. The gun was dark. Then one man told me to get up. He guided me to the hole again and leaned me over the guard rail. Then one of the men again pulled up my hood and shined the light into the hole and said, "Who killed Biernat?" I said I didn't know, and he repeated the question about three times. Then one of the men pulled the trigger of a gun that was against my head just behind my right ear. Then the man that held my belt pushed me down on the ground again. This process was repeated about four times, and in between these episodes both men talked. They said I was lucky that I hadn't got the bullet and asked whether I knew what my chance was of getting it the next time. They asked if I were sorry for my wife and kids, as I was going to get killed. They said that the Covellis were used to getting killed, as my father was killed. They asked if I were afraid of the mob, to which I answered, "What mob?" One of the men asked who my partner was, and I told him it was [redacted]. Then one of the men said, "You are going to give us some names." I asked, "What names?" The man said he would take the handcuffs off and tell me what to write. He said, "You will write the names that we tell you". Then he mentioned the names of Joe Gurera and Steve De Salvo. I said I couldn't write any names down, if I couldn't prove it. The men didn't take my cuffs off, although they touched them once, as if they were going to remove the cuffs. One of the men said, "You introduced somebody to Tony Biernat." I said I didn't. He said I was lying, as Tony had told him so.

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"One of the men had walked away, but he came back and said, 'let's take him somewhere else.' Then the men pulled me up. We stood there about five minutes. Then one of the men reached into my left pocket and pulled out a folder of business cards. He went through them. Later I noticed that there were two slips of paper missing from this folder. The man also pulled some currency out of my pocket, but put it back. Then one man said, 'Now we are going to frame you. I've got what I want - your handwriting - and he mumbled some other things. Then he pulled some hairs from the back of my head. Then I was guided out again. Outside we waited for the other man (the one not guiding me). Then the man that held my belt pressed something against my hand. I asked what that was, but got no answer. Then I heard a car door slam, and the other man came back and said, 'O.K.' Then we got into the car again. Nothing was said as we drove. I could feel that I was sitting on a blanket. About mid-way during the drive one man said he was going to take my handcuffs off, but I shouldn't try anything funny. I said, 'Do you think I'm nuts,' and he took the cuffs off and told me to keep my hands in my lap. We continued the trip and I was dropped off in Kenosha on 60th Street and about 54 or 55 Ave. As I was dropped off, the man sitting with me in the back seat of the car turned me toward the car door, put my glasses in my shirt pocket and pulled my hood off just as he pushed me out the door. The car had stopped, but started up again even before the man in the back seat had closed the car door. I tried to get the license number as the car pulled away, but saw none - only a light in the middle of the rear end of the car where I thought the license should have been.

"About 10 or 15 minutes before I was put out of the car, the car stopped and the driver got out and did something at the back of the car.

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"When I was put out of the car, the man in the back seat threw my keys out the door onto the pavement. He said, 'Your car is down a couple blocks.'"

"The car looked to me like a 5 or 6 year old Plymouth of some color, not black. The flasher on top was smaller than those on Kansas police cars. There was no lettering on the car."

"The driver of the car was slender and wore glasses. I estimate that he was about 5 feet 11 inches tall. I can't say anything else about the driver."

"The man who was in the back seat with me was about 6 feet tall and weighed about 195 lbs. I think he was about 45 years old. His complexion was ruddy. I saw him for only for seconds when he got me out of my car and when he released me."

"It was about 2 or 2:15 AM on June 7, 1963, when I was released. There are still some red marks on my wrists from the handcuffs. It is now 10:15 AM of June 7, 1963."

"On going through my folder, I observed that my drivers license is now missing, although I had it last night."

"While at the place which was said to be Biernat's grave, I said that I did not think that the F. B. I. treated people like this. One of the men said, 'We aren't the F. B. I., we are friends of the F. B. I., and we do this kind of work, because they can't do it.'"

"I volunteer to take a lie-detector test on any of the material covered in the foregoing statement. I give my permission for the dusting of my car for fingerprints."

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"I read this statement consisting of two and one half pages and it is true.

"/s/ William Covelli

"Witness:

Richard C. Thompson
Special Agent, F.B.I., Milwaukee Office, June 7, 1963

Alexander P. Le Grand
Special Agent, FBI, Milwaukee, Wis. 6/7/63"

On 6/7/63 COVELLI was taken to the site of recovery of the body of ANTHONY J. BERNAT which had been found buried in the basement of an abandoned farmhouse. Careful examination was made of the dirt floor in this basement and no footprints were found, and there were indications that all footprints had been obliterated by someone. The dirt clearly showed the footprints of agents and COVELLI as an inspection was made of the area. COVELLI identified the spot as the place to which he had been taken by persons he alleged abducted him. He denied ever having been to this spot before that occasion.

It is noted that in his signed statement COVELLI described the hole in which his abductors stated BERNAT had been buried as three and one half feet deep, seven feet long and five feet wide. It was noted that the hole was filled with water to within a couple inches of the top and it would have been impossible to estimate the depth of the hole. Probing with a stick disclosed that it was several feet deep.

Tire tracks were observed in the yard of the farm house. Photographs and plaster casts were made of these tracks.

Farmers who used the road past this farmhouse were interviewed on 6/7/63 with the following results by SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND:

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[redacted] Kansasville, Wis. stated that at 1:00 AM 6/7/63 he observed a black automobile which he thought might possibly have been a 1959 Ford, facing outward in the driveway of the farmhouse.

[redacted] Kansasville, Wisconsin, advised that sometime between 10:00 and 12:00 midnight they heard three shots they believed from a shotgun coming from the direction of the farm. There appeared to be some doubt at first whether the sounds were on 6/5/63 or 6/6/63 before they decided it was on 6/6/63. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that about 10:00 PM an old car with a loud murmur, otherwise undescribed, made about four trips down the road, but he doesn't know who drove the car.

[redacted] Kansasville, Wis., left the area for work at 10:00 PM 6/6/63 and observed nothing.

All of these individuals advised there are hunters and lovers who frequent the pertinent farm, and that gunfire in the area is not unusual.

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On 6/7/63, SA [redacted] conducted a neighborhood investigation with negative results at 60th Avenue and 60th Street where COVELLI stated he was left out by his alleged abductors. It is noted that COVELLI in his signed statement said he was left out at 60th Street and about 54th or 55th Ave., but on 6/7/63 he had been taken to the spot he was allegedly released and identified it as 60th Street and 60th Ave. COVELLI on 6/7/63 identified the exact spot where his car was allegedly recovered. An examination of this spot and neighborhood investigation were negative.

On 6/7/63, SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND conducted the following neighborhood investigation at 36th Ave. and Roosevelt, Kenosha, Wisconsin, which was the spot from which COVELLI claimed to be abducted:

[redacted] heard a siren between 10:30 PM and 10:45 PM, 6/6/63, saw two men from a new model car, not otherwise described, arrest a man from another car and leave. No red light was on the car. They believe this car must have gone around the block because a minute later a fellow was dropped off from a car, and drove off in the car of the arrested man. They noted that the lights of the arrested man's car had been left on, but as it was being driven off the man turned off the lights and turned right at the next corner.

[redacted] Kenosha, advised that late on 6/6/63, they heard a siren and looked out and saw a 1959 Lincoln of dark color stop alongside of another automobile. Two men from the Lincoln took an individual from the other car and put him in the back seat of the Lincoln and drive off. A few minutes later another automobile dropped off a man who then drove off in the car of the arrested man after turning off the lights of this automobile.

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They are unable to describe any of the individuals involved except that one of the men in the Lincoln was approximately 6 feet. They saw no red flasher on the Lincoln automobile.

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[redacted] advised that at approximately eleven PM, 6/6/68, she heard a siren but saw nothing.

[redacted] advised that shortly before eleven PM on 6/6/68 they heard a siren and observed a car with red light flashing pull another over to the curb. They heard a man in the car pulled over state, "What do you think you're doing?" [redacted] believed a red flasher was on the top of the automobile with the siren, but [redacted] thought it was on the side of the automobile. They thought the car with the siren was dark in color and the car pulled to the side a cream color. Because of the darkness they could not see what happened. Later, another car came by slowly and they saw an individual drive the cream colored automobile away with lights out.

[redacted] advised that between 11 PM and 11:30 PM on 6/6/68 they heard a siren and saw a white Cadillac with a red light on the left fender flashing pull another automobile to the curb across the street. They saw two men from the white Cadillac take a man out of the other car and frisk him and then put him into the Cadillac, leaving the other automobile with lights turned on. A minute later, another automobile, which they believed to be a blue 1947 Plymouth or Dodge, came by with two men in it and one of these men drove off in the parked car after turning off its lights.

[redacted] advised that on 6/6/68, shortly after 11 PM, they heard a siren and observed a Plymouth with big fins, probably blue in color, pull another car over to the side of the street. The man in the car pulled to the curb stated, "Now what's wrong?" but they heard no response. This

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man was put into the Plymouth and driven off. They believe the Plymouth must have gone around the block because a minute later a man came out of another car and drove off in the parked car after turning off its lights. [redacted] thought the flasher on the Plymouth was red, but [redacted] thought it was amber in color. They were not sure where the flasher was, but they did not think it was on the top of the car.

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On 6/7/63, no other neighbors were available, but on 6/8/63 the following individuals were interviewed:

[redacted] advised that on 6/8/63 between 10:15 PM and 10:45 PM she heard a siren and observed two cars stop [redacted]. One car she believed, was a white Dodge station wagon which had been pulled to the curb by a medium-blue Cadillac. She heard the man in the station wagon say, "What did I do now?" She heard mumbling from the other two men from the Cadillac but was unable to distinguish any words. These men handcuffed the man from the station wagon and placed him in the Cadillac and drove off, leaving the station wagon parked along the side of the road with the motor running and lights on. As the Cadillac left, she noticed it had yellow and green license plates, which she states she knows were Illinois plates. [redacted]

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[redacted] She was unable to obtain any license number. She said the Cadillac had a red light [redacted] on the fender or spot-light. She did not know where the siren was located. She thought the situation was suspicious and went to the telephone to call the police when she heard the station wagon leaving the scene, and looking out saw it disappear with lights out down the street. She then decided it was probably a legitimate arrest and did not telephone the police. She described the men in the Cadillac as being tall with suits on

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and probably bareheaded, although she was not certain. The man from the station wagon wore a white shirt and dark gray trousers.

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[redacted] advised they heard nothing and were probably not at home. [redacted] advised he heard a siren but saw nothing.

On 6/8/63, SAs ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and RICHARD C. THOMPSON conducted a further search at the abandoned farm site where ANTHONY J. DIERNAT had been buried in view of the fact that [redacted] heard three shotgun blasts prior to midnight on 6/8/63 from that direction, but nothing of significance was found.

On 6/8/63, SAs ALBERT R. KNICKERHORN and [redacted] interviewed [redacted], Kenosha, along with [redacted] but obtained no information pertinent to this matter. In fact, [redacted] claimed prior ignorance of the alleged kidnapping of COVELLI.

On 6/7/63, SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., processed WILLIAM COVELLI's 1962 off-white Dodge Dart station wagon, forder, and obtained several latent fingerprints of questionable value. The fingerprints of WILLIAM COVELLI, his wife and one other individual who had access to the car had been obtained. The fingerprints of another individual who had access to the car will be obtained when he is available.

On 6/7/63, SA HIGGINS advised [redacted] of the Kenosha PD of the nature of the investigation. [redacted] said that his department had received information of a possible abduction, but no complaint, and he had caused a check to be made with certain Illinois authorities such as the Lake County SO and the North Chicago PD for information about the car with siren and red light.

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[redacted] said that the Sheriff of Lake County, CHARLIE LARSON, had informed him that no police or sheriff's cars were known to have been stolen but that [redacted] should not disregard the possibility the private investigators may have been involved.

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On 6/8/63, SAs KNICKERH and [redacted] contacted [redacted] Kenosha County SO, who said that he had received no complaint in this matter and intended to conduct no investigation. On 6/8/63, [redacted] Kenosha PD, was recontacted by SAs KNICKERH and [redacted] with negative results.

With further reference to [redacted] it should be noted that PCI [redacted] advised on [redacted] that late on the previous evening [redacted] conferred with FRANK BALISTRERI, leader of the hoodlum syndicate in Milwaukee, for approximately two hours.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION:

At Waukegan, Illinois:

1. Will contact Sheriff CHARLES LARSON concerning the above alleged abduction for any information he may have which may throw light on the matter.
2. Will contact other logical police agencies in the Waukegan area for the same purpose.
3. Will through the above authorities determine whether private detectives in Illinois have cars equipped with red light and siren.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (162-49)

DATE: 6/8/63

FROM : ASAC LA PRADE

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI
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I received a telephone call from [redacted] of the Bureau at 11:10 AM on 6/8/63. He referred to our teletype in captioned case dated 6/8/63 and stated that Assistant Director EVANS in reviewing the teletype noted at the end that we were not going to let up on our pressure being placed on the hoodlum element, which he considered to be the right approach. [redacted] noted that Asst. Director EVANS stated that we did not indicate in the teletype specifically whether we were planning to interview FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI. It is the opinion of Asst. Director EVANS that BALISTRIERI should be interviewed as well as any and all other hoodlums necessary relative to the allegation of BALISTRIERI as well as the incident concerning COVELLI unless it is felt by the Milwaukee Office there is sufficient reason not to interview such hoodlums.

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[redacted] mentioned that consideration might even be given to having BALISTRIERI take a polygraph examination. In discussing this he agreed that BALISTRIERI most likely would refuse such an examination, and he agreed that it would be sufficient for the Milwaukee Office to consider this and exercise our own judgment as to whether it should be pursued. He observed that consideration might be given to having BALISTRIERI and other hoodlums brought before a Grand Jury if this can be used effectively as a weapon against the hoodlum element.

In discussing the entire situation with [redacted] he stated he felt sure that this office was giving this continued preferential attention and that everything reasonable is being done to pin down every allegation and that all logical investigation is being thoroughly conducted. He was assured this is the case. He inquired as to whether another communication would not be arriving at the Bureau prior to Monday morning, and he was told that this would be done, pointing out what additional

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investigation was being conducted and what was being planned. He instructed that our next communication should specifically set forth our plans for interviews with BALISTRERI and any other hoodlums. He stated he was not insisting that interviews with BALISTRERI and other hoodlums be conducted but that our communication should set forth reasons why the interviews were not being conducted if this was our decision.

[redacted] concluded that the above-mentioned teletype, which had been received, was being given to the Director first thing Monday morning with a notation that the Milwaukee Office is vigorously pursuing this matter and that there is no intention of permitting the hoodlum element to intimidate the FBI.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, Milwaukee (162-49)

DATE: 6/10/63

FROM : SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN

SUBJECT: WILLIAM C. COVELLI, aka
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The following record is made of incident occurring in the Milwaukee Office of the FBI early in the morning of June 7, shortly after my arrival in the office:

[redacted] was using your telephone and was talking to [redacted] concerning whom he had previously mentioned a desire to have [redacted] in on the interview in our office.

He was overheard to tell [redacted] that he desired to ride to Kenosha with him, and at this point he was interrupted and advised that [redacted] was not going to participate in the interview (which had been planned with WEISER COVELLI). [redacted] said that he wanted to go with [redacted] as he desired to have police protection, and he repeated this statement a couple of times. He said he was entitled to this, and I told him that if he desired to go with [redacted] that was his privilege but that we would not participate in an interview with [redacted] and perhaps he should go ahead with [redacted] and interview his client and then if he desired us to interview him bring him to the office or send him to the office.

At this point he told [redacted] that he was uninvited; and he, [redacted] said that he would be going down with us and would see [redacted] later.

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FROM : SA (A) [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka
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About 12:10 p.m. 6/10/63 [REDACTED] telephonically advised that he had learned that attorney [REDACTED], representing subject, had filed a complaint concerning subject's abduction on 6/7/63 allegedly by FBI agents at 4:30 a.m. on 6/7/63 with Milwaukee [REDACTED] assigned as a John Doe investigator.

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[REDACTED] stated he had learned that [REDACTED] received and wrote the complaint and gave it to Judge JOHN COFFEY who has stated the John Doe proceedings will have nothing to do with it and no action is being taken by Judge COFFEY.

[REDACTED] furnished this for information purposes.

On 6/11/63 SA ALEXANDER D. MANSON, Madison RA, telephonically advised the office about 8:15 a.m. that he had just received a phone call from Bureau of Motor Vehicles advising they had received inquiry from the Detective Bureau, Milwaukee PD, concerning 1963 Wis. license Q-9131. This license is assigned to this office and has the fictitious registration under the name JAMES HART, Fern, Wis.

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Telephone inquiry was made of [REDACTED] Milwaukee PD, concerning the nature of the inquiry by his Bureau. He later advised it was determined that about 1:00 a.m. 6/11/63 [REDACTED] had sent a teletype inquiry to the Motor Vehicle Dept. concerning above mentioned license. [REDACTED] explained that [REDACTED] is on special assignment with the John Doe proceedings.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (162-777)
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) (P)
WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA. IGA. OO MILWAUKEE.
RE MI TEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

THE FOLLOWING HOODLUMS, MILWAUKEE, WIS. CONTACTED NIGHT OF JUNE ELEVEN LAST AND REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED: WALTER F. BROCCA, FOUR ZERO TWO THREE SOUTH KANSAS; STEVE DE SALVO, CHECKER CLEANERS, ONE ZERO ONE TWO SOUTH FIRST STREET; BUSTER BALESTRERE, SIXTEEN THIRTY FOUR NORTH JACKSON; FRANK LA GALBO, FIFTEEN FOUR FOUR NORTH FARWELL.

MIKE ALBANO, FOUR ONE FOUR FOUR NORTH SEVENTEENTH STREET, MILWAUKEE, WIS. DENIED KNOWING WILLIAM COVELLI AND STATED HE HAS NOT BEEN IN KENOSHA, WIS. FOR OVER A YEAR. HE READ NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF COVELLI'S ABDUCTION BUT HAS NO INFORMATION.

AUGUST MANIACI, TWO ONE TWO ONE NORTH NEWHALL, MILWAUKEE, WIS. GAVE ACCOUNT OF HIS ACTIVITIES THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE SIX AND SEVEN LAST AND CLAIMS HE DOES NOT KNOW WILLIAM COVELLI, THINKS FBI CONNECTION WITH COVELLI MATTER RIDICULOUS

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(1) *[Signature]*

Approved: *[Signature]*
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Kidnaped, Quizzed About Biernat Case—Kenoshan

By JOHN LINDOP
and JAMES G. WIEGHART

Kenosha, Wis. — A Kenosha vending machine distributor has complained to authorities that he was abducted by two men who at first said they were FBI agents, then driven to the burial site of slain jukebox distributor Anthony J. Biernat.

There, he said, with a gun at his head, he was questioned about Biernat's murder. He has told authorities he knows nothing about the murder.

Paul H. Stoddard, special agent in charge of the Milwaukee FBI office, confirmed Sunday that William Covelli, 43, owner of the Kenosha Vending Co., had made the complaint.

"I categorically deny any involvement of FBI personnel in connection with this complaint," Stoddard said. "The Milwaukee office of the FBI is investigating this case as it concerns the impersonation of FBI agents which is a violation of the federal impersonation statute."

Capt. Arthur Riley, of the Kenosha police department, said Sunday that his department also was investigating Covelli's complaint.

William P. Schmitt, chief investigator for the Kenosha

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county sheriff's department, said that Covelli had made no complaint to his department, but that his officers were cooperating with the FBI in the investigation.

Capt. Riley said that an investigation by his department has uncovered five persons who witnessed Covelli's alleged abduction last Thursday night. He said the witnesses observed Covelli's car curbed by a 1957 or 1958 dark colored sedan with a flashing red light, siren and Illinois license plates.

Although the witnesses saw Covelli taken from the car, none of them called police, Riley said, apparently because they thought he had been arrested for some traffic violation. Riley said the police were notified by the FBI Friday of the alleged abduction.

A source close to Covelli Sunday gave this account of the alleged abduction:

Covelli was pulled over by a blue car with a flashing red light and siren about 10:30 p.m. Thursday at 36th av. near Roosevelt rd. He said he was just about to park his car and wait for his wife who he thought was following a short

distance behind him in another car.

Covelli said that two men got out of the car and identified themselves as FBI agents. The two men pulled him from the car and one of them told Covelli, "this has gone far enough."

Covelli said that when he was pulled from the car the men jerked his arms behind him and placed handcuffs on his wrists. "What have I done now?" Covelli said he asked the men.

Without comment the men threw him into the back seat of their car and placed a knit sweater over his head as a blindfold. Covelli said he went along quietly because he thought his wife had seen the abduction and reported it to authorities.

Covelli said he was taken on a 45 minute ride over back roads during which time the men said nothing. When the car stopped he was pulled from it by his belt and guided down four steps.

At this point, the alleged abductors raised the sweater from his eyes and pointed to a water filled hole about seven feet long and four feet wide which the abductors described as Biernat's grave.

The men then demanded to know "who killed Biernat?" Covelli said he was pushed to the ground and lifted up by his belt each time he told the men that he did not know anything about Biernat's murder.

Covelli said he was forced to kneel at the edge of the grave as the men continued to question him. Throughout the questioning, the men threatened Covelli and members of his family including his wife and mother, Covelli said.

"Think of your wife and children," the men allegedly said.

"Our marriage has not been blessed with children," he replied.

After the questioning had been in progress for some time, one of the men pulled out a gun and said: "Well, I guess we

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should play some Russian roulette."

The man took all but one bullet from the gun, described by Covelli as a snub nosed revolver, and placed it to the back of Covelli's head while the questioning continued. Each time Covelli said he did not know, the man pulled the trigger.

When Covelli continued to say he did not know who killed Biernat, the men asked him to write the names of the killers on a piece of paper which was handed him.

"What names do you want?" Covelli asked.

Men Gave 2 Names

At this question, the men gave the names of two Milwaukee men who have been questioned in the investigation. After he refused to write down any names, the trigger of the gun placed to his head was pulled. "I heard four clicks," he said.

Covelli said he did not think that FBI agents did this kind of thing. "We are not FBI men; we are friends of the FBI," one of the men said.

After the trigger had been pulled four times without incident, one of the men said—"Well, I guess you are lucky." They then led him back to their car and drove back to Kenosha.

Released, Given Keys

Covelli said the men yanked out several strands of hair from his head and removed his driver's license and several notes from his billfold with the state-

ment that this would be enough to "frame" him.

The men released Covelli and gave him his car keys near the county garage at 60th st. and 55th av., where he found his car parked. He said he was released about 2:30 a.m. Friday.

Covelli then called his attorney, James M. Shellow, of Milwaukee, who notified the FBI about 4 a.m. Friday. FBI agents, Shellow and Covelli Friday returned to the vacant farmhouse on the abandoned Bong air force base where Biernat's body was found buried Jan. 27. Covelli identified it as the scene of his questioning.

Riley said that Covelli had agreed to take a lie detector test on his story. One will probably be arranged sometime this week, Riley said.

Schmitt said he would have his men question Covelli this week about the incident so that a formal complaint could be made.

"I feel that we should be officially investigating this case," Schmitt said. "If the abduction story is true, a crime has been committed in Kenosha county and we should have a complaint with which we can act."

Talked to Police, FBI

Schmitt said that he had asked Covelli to come into his office for questioning on the Biernat case "on several occasions." Schmitt said that he was notified by Covelli that his attorney said he did not have to

submit to questioning on the case. Covelli had talked to police and the FBI about the case in the early days of the investigation.

Authorities have said that Covelli approached Biernat last fall and asked Biernat to go into a partnership with him. Biernat told his friends that he refused the offer. Later, according to authorities, Biernat was approached by two Milwaukee men with the same proposal and Biernat again turned down the offer.

Covelli has a large cigaret vending machine business and also handles other vending machines and amusement devices including jukeboxes.

He refused Sunday to discuss the alleged abduction attempt with a reporter.

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Covelli's Dad Slain In Gangland Style

By Sentinel Staff Writer

Kenosha, Wis. — William (Wheeler) Covelli, the vending machine distributor who has complained to authorities that he was abducted by two men last Thursday, is the son of William (Red) Covelli, who was murdered in gangland style 18 years ago Monday.

Wheeler Covelli, 43, told authorities the two men dragged him from his car, pushed him into their car and drove him to the abandoned Bong air force base site.

In the farmhouse where jukebox distributor Anthony J. Bernat was killed and buried, Covelli said he was questioned at gunpoint about the murder of Bernat. He has said he knows nothing about it.

On June 10, 1945, Red Covelli, then 48, was felled by shotgun blasts fired at him from close range as he was about to enter his car parked in front of his house.

Killed Instantly

One of the shotgun blasts hit Covelli in the head, killing him instantly. Other blasts sprayed his car. He was about to enter his car to drive to a tavern he operated south of Kenosha.

Red Covelli's murder followed by four years the slaying of a friend of his, Frank Cosentino, also of Kenosha, and like Covelli, a bootlegger. Cosentino was killed gangland style by two bullets fired from close range into the back of his head. Neither murder was ever solved.

Cosentino and Red Covelli were two of four men named as accomplices by a Kenosha tavern keeper who confessed to the murder of a Kenosha real estate man in 1932. The tavern keeper, Frank Tyllus, confessed to the murder of Robert A. Wilson.

Tyllus said that he lured Wilson to Wilson's farm near Lodi on the pretext of buying it and the others seized Wilson and tortured him until Wilson signed notes totaling \$40,000.

Found in Shallow Grave
Tyllus, who was behind in payments to the bootleggers, said Red Covelli and Cosentino choked Wilson into unconsciousness, then battered him to death. Wilson's body was found seven days later in a shallow grave with his hands tied and

his head crushed. A shoelace was tied around his neck.

Tyllus was arrested when he produced the notes and under questioning signed a confession. Two days later, Tyllus hanged himself with two handkerchiefs and a belt while awaiting trial at Wisconsin Dells.

Murder charges against the others, including Cosentino and Red Covelli, were then dis-

missed because of insufficient evidence.

The only person who received a sentence in the Wilson case was a girl friend of Tyllus who was given six months in jail and fined \$200 for writing the notes which Wilson was forced to sign.

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Kenosha Man Offers Lie Test on Kidnaping

He Tells Police, FBI His Two Abductors Asked Information on Biernat Death

Journal Special Correspondence

Kenosha, Wis.—William Covelli, 43, a Kenosha vending machine distributor, reported to police and the FBI that he had been abducted by two men and questioned about the slaying of Anthony J. Biernat.

Covelli offered to take a lie test to back up his story.

The FBI and Kenosha police confirmed that Covelli on Friday complained that he had been kidnaped Thursday night by two men who at first said they were FBI agents investigating Biernat's murder.

Covelli said he was blindfolded and driven to the burial site at abandoned Bong air force base, where Biernat's body was found on Jan. 28. He said the men asked him several times who Biernat's murderers were and threatened him with a gun when he said he didn't know.

US Offensive Involved

Paul H. Stoddard, special agent in charge of the Milwaukee FBI said his men were investigating on the basis of alleged impersonation of FBI agents, a federal offense.

Stoddard said:

"I categorically deny any involvement of FBI personnel in connection with this complaint."

Stoddard said the FBI was notified of the alleged abduction about 4 a.m. Friday, and then notified the Kenosha police.

Witnesses Interviewed

Covelli, owner of the Kenosha Vending Co., reportedly approached Biernat last fall about going into partnership but Biernat refused. Authorities said that Biernat later was approached by two Milwaukee men with a similar offer, but again refused.

Kenosha Detective Capt. Arthur Riley said that Covelli's attorney, James M. Shellow of

Milwaukee, said he would arrange a lie test for Covelli at Madison or Chicago later this week. Riley said he expected to attend as an observer.

Riley said Covelli was questioned by detectives Saturday and that five witnesses were being interviewed. He said there were some "discrepancies" in the accounts.

Riley said Covelli described the kidnap car as a four or five year old Plymouth, possibly dark blue in color. Some witnesses said it was a late model Cadillac. The car, witnesses said, had an Illinois license plate, a siren and red flasher.

Riley said Covelli at first said the red flasher was on top of the car but later said it appeared to be a portable type which was either set on the top of the dashboard inside or held out a window by one of the men.

Covelli Tells Story

Riley said Covelli gave this account:

About 10:30 p.m. Thursday his car was pulled over at 36th av. near Roosevelt rd. Two men got out and identified themselves as FBI agents, handcuffed his hands behind his back and blindfolded him with a sweater over his head.

After a 45 minute ride, he was taken into the basement of the abandoned farmhouse on the Bong base site and made to kneel at the side of the hole in which Biernat was buried. The sweater was removed, and the men demanded several times to know who Biernat's killers were.

One of the men played "Russian roulette" by emptying a revolver of all but one bullet and then pulling the trigger a number of times with the gun pointed at Covelli's head. Each time the hammer hit on an empty chamber.

One of the men told Covelli that they were not FBI agents but "friends of the FBI."

The men drove him back to Kenosha, and released him, at 60th st. near 55th av. about 2:30 a.m. Friday. He immediately called Shellow, who notified the FBI.

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Covelli's Abduction 'Underworld Style'

By Sentinel Staff Writer
Kenosha, Wis.—Law enforcement officials expressed doubt Monday that the abduction of vending machine distributor William (Wheeler) Covelli was carried out by any persons connected with law enforcement agencies.

"This type of thing is what you expect from the underworld," one official said. "Police don't go around dragging people from their cars, handcuffing them and putting a gun to their heads while they question them."

Covelli, 43, owner of the Kenosha Vending Co., has complained to the FBI and police

that he was abducted by two men last Thursday and taken to the Bong base burial site of slain jukebox distributor Anthony J. Biernat.

Covelli said the men put a gun to his head and questioned him about Biernat's murder. He said that at first the men said they were FBI agents, and later they said they were "friends of the FBI."

Paul H. Stoddard, special agent in charge of the Milwaukee FBI office, has said that FBI agents were not involved in any way with the alleged abduction. Stoddard said Monday that the FBI is continuing to press the investigation for the abductors who violated federal law by impersonating federal agents.

Detective Capt. Arthur Riley said Monday that additional witnesses to the abduction were

being sought. Riley said five persons saw the two men drag Covelli from his car.

The captain said that four persons may have been involved in the abduction because two other men were seen driving Covelli's car from the scene after the abduction.

Covelli was released unharmed about 2:30 a.m. Friday. He found his car parked by the county garage, drove home and called his attorney, James M. Shellow, of Milwaukee. Shellow called the FBI and lodged the complaint.

Biernat was abducted from the North Shore line depot parking lot Jan. 7 and his body was discovered buried in the basement of a vacant farm house on the abandoned Bong air force base site Jan. 27.

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 10, 1968

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On June 7, 1968, [redacted] an attorney in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised that FRANK DALISTRIERI, who is a client of his, alleged that about five days previous, DALISTRIERI, thinking he was being surveilled, approached a surveilling car, opened the door, grabbed the occupant by the front of his shirt, cocked his fist and requested identification. According to [redacted] the occupant reportedly advised DALISTRIERI, "I am a policeman with the FBI," whereupon DALISTRIERI let go of the occupant's shirt and allegedly obtained the name of the person as being KNICKREHM.

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I emphatically deny that any such incident took place. It is to be noted that FRANK DALISTRIERI is a top hoodlum of the Milwaukee office. Inasmuch as I am assigned to the Criminal Intelligence Program, I have interviewed numerous hoodlums in the Milwaukee area; therefore, it is possible that DALISTRIERI obtained my name from one of these individuals.

I wish to state that should any such incident ever occur whereupon I would be assaulted by any individual, immediate and appropriate action would be taken by myself.

Albert B. Knickrehm
SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM

Subscribed to and sworn before me this
10th day of June, 1968

Paul H. Stoddard
SAC PAUL H. STODDARD

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have been informed of the allegation of WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, Wis., through his attorney, [redacted] to the effect that COVELLI was abducted at Kenosha, Wis. on June 6, 1963 at approximately 10:30 P.M. by two men who represented themselves as FBI Agents.

On the evening of June 6, 1963, I departed from the Kenosha, Wis. Resident Agency office at 720 53th Place, Kenosha, at 7:16 P.M., to deposit mail at the U. S. Post Office for Milwaukee and to return Bureau car number 31 to the contract garage, located at 63rd and Sheridan Road, known as Ralph's Cities Service Garage. I completed parking the car 7:31 P.M. and walked to my residence located 607 72 St., Kenosha, where I remained with my family the balance of the evening and did not depart from the premises. Shortly after 11:00 P.M., SA [redacted] came to the residence on an earlier invitation to remain there over night while he was in Kenosha, and after his arrival neither [redacted] nor I left the residence.

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I categorically and unequivocally deny participation in or having any relationship whatsoever to COVELLI's alleged abduction.

William J. Higgins Jr.
SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS JR.

Subscribed to and sworn before me
this 10th day of June, 1963

J. Wallace La Prade
ASAC J. WALLACE LA PRADE

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have been informed of the allegation of WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha, Wisconsin, to the effect that he was abducted at Kenosha, Wisconsin on June 6, 1963, at 10:30 P.M., by two men who represented themselves as FBI Agents.

On the evening of June 6, 1963, I returned to the Kenosha Resident Agency office at approximately 8:15 P.M., and wrote personal correspondence until about 10:50 P.M., when I left the resident agency enroute to the residence of SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. Because I forgot a personal item (cigarettes), I returned to the resident agency office a few minutes after 11:00 P.M., and then proceeded to SA HIGGINS' residence, where I remained over night.


I categorically and unequivocally deny participation in or any relationship whatsoever to COVELLI's alleged abduction.

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
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (162-49)

DATE: June 12, 1963

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA
IGA

SA [] advised on the afternoon of 6-12-63, that in attempting to locate hoodlum DOMINICK PRINCIPI, it was determined that PRINCIPI is currently at Lake Zurich, Ill.

SA [] accompanied by SA [] were authorized to go to Lake Zurich, Ill. to attempt to interview PRINCIPI.

At 3:48 P.M., ASAC [] of the Chicago office was advised of the fact these Agents would be at Lake Zurich and were in Milwaukee auto number 5.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (162-49)

DATE: June 12, 1963

FROM : ASAC

SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA
IGA

I received a telephone call from Section Chief Thomas J. McAndrews of the Bureau at 5:35 P.M. on 6-11-63. He stated that the teletypes recently submitted by us in this matter left something to be desired. Specifically, he said that the reader got the impression that the initiative had gone over to the hoodlums. In discussing the matter, he stated that we should in future teletypes set out specifically what we had done in connection with our investigation, and outline what our plans were, on a daily basis. He instructed that we submit a daily teletype containing this type information.

McAndrews stated that on 6-11-63, he was going to discuss this case with [redacted] of the Department, with the view in mind of convening a Federal Grand Jury to probe this abduction situation and the entire BERNAT matter. He stated that he is also considering obtaining authority for the Milwaukee office to investigate State violations on the part of the hoodlum element, with the view in mind of supplying this information to State authorities for prosecution of the hoodlums on anything and everything that we could conceivably develop evidence. b6 b7C

McAndrews was assured that this investigation is being given preferential, continuous attention, and contrary to any interpretation that may have been concluded from teletypes, the initiative in this investigation is certainly in the hands of the Milwaukee office. He stated that he felt sure that this was true, and suggested that with changes in future teletypes as mentioned above, the matter would be fully understood by any Bureau officials who may raise a question.

Subsequent to the receipt of this call and pursuant to conversation with you, the following Agents were assigned interviews during the night of 6-11-63, with various hoodlums located here in Milwaukee:

[redacted] LE GRAND, [redacted]
[redacted] MACDONALD, [redacted] THOMPSON, [redacted]

A conference was held with the above Agents at 8:00 P.M. at which time they were briefed concerning the telephone

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call received from the Bureau and were supplied background information concerning the COVELLI case. The purposes and objective of pursuing this investigation vigorously were pointed out at the conference.

All Agents working on this assignment were instructed to carry sidearms while conducting investigations.

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